



Humboldt Bay Fire News Release

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Subject : **Structure Fire, 1400 Block of B Street**

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On August 10, 2021 at 7:10 A.M. units from Humboldt Bay Fire responded to a reported structure fire on the 1400 Block of B Street in Eureka. A Eureka Police Officer on patrol in the area arrived moments after the dispatch and reported that all occupants had self-evacuated from the structure. The officer reported that there was smoke coming from the second floor of the two-story residence.

The first two arriving Humboldt Bay Fire units found heavy smoke coming from the attic space. Those units simultaneously attacked the fire and ventilated the structure to allow the superheated gases to escape. This tactic allows crews to better access fire involved rooms and improves the survival profile for any victims or pets. The crews were hindered by a narrow stairwell and a large amount of personal belongings in the fire area. Additional fire crews confirmed all occupants were out of the residence and searched for any additional pets that may still be inside. None of the occupants or pets were injured. Humboldt Bay Fire personnel had the fire controlled in fifteen minutes.

Pacific Gas and Electric responded and secured the utilities to the residence. The Red Cross was notified and responded, and aided the four displaced occupants and their pets.

Fire personnel were on scene for approximately two hours. Fire investigators determined the fire was accidental and most likely caused by an ignition source too close to improperly stored combustible liquids in the attic area.

Humboldt Bay Fire would like to remind everyone to store flammable and combustible liquids such as paints, solvents, and other such liquids in approved containers in areas away from of living spaces.

Damages are estimated at \$150,000.

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