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At approximately 6:55 pm on Sunday October 29th Humboldt Bay Fire (HBF) was dispatched to a reported structure fire/porch on fire at a residence on the 3300 block of Williams St. in Eureka. A neighbor reported that the porch of the residence across the street from them was on fire and they did not know if anyone was home. HBF responded with three fire engines, one ladder truck, and two Chief Officers.

The first arriving engine reported a working fire with heavy fire involvement to the front porch of a single-story wood frame residence with possible fire extension into the attic. The crew established a water supply and went to work immediately suppressing the fire. Subsequent arriving units assisted with ventilation of smoke from the structure and searching the residence for occupants. Two residents were found home at the time of the fire at the rear of the residence. Fire personnel assisted with evacuating the residents and treatment of one resident for minor smoke inhalation. The resident was turned over to City Ambulance personnel upon their arrival but did not require transport to the hospital, and were treated and released on scene.

Fire personnel contained and controlled the fire within 15 minutes of arrival, limiting fire, smoke, and water damage to the front porch, living room, and attic. Crews remained on scene for approximately two hours to ensure the fire was extinguished and to secure the residence.

The cause of the fire is under investigation but preliminary investigation indicates the cause of the fire is accidental. Initial damage estimates are approximately \$20,000.

HBF reminds residents to fully extinguish cigarettes before discarding. At this time of year with temperatures dropping significantly overnight and more residents using heating appliances we would like to remind everyone to ensure their appliances are clean and in god operational condition. Combustibles should be kept away from heat sources such as heater vents, fireplaces, and wood stoves.

Please contact us at 707-441-4000 for a safety inspection of your home or business.