



Humboldt Bay Fire News Release

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Smoke Alarms Save Lives.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Subject : Structure Fire, Corner of 9th and H St.

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A large column of black smoke plumed into the air on the corner of 9th St. and H St. where an abandoned building was ablaze around 6:15pm on October 30th, 2019.

Humboldt Bay Fire crews arrived to find a working fire. The incident was quickly upgraded to a 2nd and then 3rd alarm, pulling in Fire resources from several local jurisdictions, detailed below.

Early reports indicate that this building was vacant and boarded up, but that illegal squatter activity may have been an ongoing issue on the premises. Neighbors reportedly saw two people flee the sign as the first signs of fire presented.

After the fire was controlled and extinguished, it became clear that the damage of the fire was great and that structural integrity of the building was compromised. Command staff along with Public Works made the decision to demolish the building, which was unable to be saved.

Luckily, no civilians, firefighters, or animals were harmed in this fire.

We will continue to update with information as well have it. At this time, there has not been an established damage assessment or cause of fire determined.

Humboldt Bay Fire would like to thank Arcata Fire District, Samoa Peninsula Fire District, Fortuna Volunteer Fire Department, Loleta Volunteer Fire Department, City Ambulance, PG&E, Public Works, Code Enforcement, the Excavation Crew, and HBF Fire Support & Volunteers for their response.

RESPONDERS

Humboldt Bay Fire:

- 4 Fire Engines
- 1 Fire Truck
- 4 Command Staff
- 1 Public Information Officer
- Fire Support
- Volunteer Firefighters

Arcata Fire District:

- 1 Fire Engine
- 1 Command Staff

Samoa Peninsula Fire District

- 1 Fire Engine
- 1 Command Staff

Fortuna Volunteer Fire Department

- 1 Fire Truck

Loleta Volunteer Fire Department

- 1 Fire Engine

PG&E

- Gas & Electric

City of Eureka

- Public Works Director
- Code Enforcement
- Excavator Crew

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