



## Humboldt Bay Fire News Release

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**Subject :** Three Alarm Structure Fire at 2900 Block of California Street

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On 11/15/18 at 7:30 P.M. Humboldt Bay Fire responded to a reported Structure Fire on the 2900 block of California Street in Eureka.

Humboldt Bay Fire responded with 2 engines, 1 truck, 1 squad and 1 chief officer on the "First Alarm" assignment. The first arriving units found heavy smoke coming from the first floor of a large, two-story multi-unit apartment building. A "Second Alarm" was immediately requested for an additional two engines. There were multiple occupants still in the structure. On scene units simultaneously attacked the fire, evacuated the building, and ventilated the structure to improve conditions for occupants to get out of the building. As those initial resources were quickly committed to tasks at the scene, a "Third Alarm" was requested which generated a recall of off-duty Humboldt Bay Fire personnel to staff reserve apparatus.

Initially the fire began to spread between the floors in concealed spaces. Fire personnel gained control of the fire within 30 minutes. Personnel also evacuated several people and rescued a number of pets from the apartment building. City Ambulance was requested to the scene as a precaution. There were no injuries to civilians or fire personnel.

Humboldt Bay Fire wishes to thank its cooperating partners for their assistance. Arcata Fire Protection District provided coverage to Humboldt Bay Fire jurisdiction during the fire. The Eureka Police Department responded and provided traffic and crowd control at the scene. The Red Cross responded to coordinate sheltering of at least eleven tenants who were displaced. Pacific Gas and Electric secured the utilities to the structure.

The fire originated in a vacant apartment. The cause of the fire was undetermined. Investigators could not rule out human cause. The fire caused an estimated \$75,000 worth of fire, smoke, and water damage.

Humboldt Bay Fire would like to remind everyone to have an evacuation plan and designated meeting place if they should ever have a fire.

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