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Structure Fire, Aromas (Monterey County)

Monterey, CA – At about 7:25 p.m. on Sunday, December 31, 2017, [Aromas Tri County Fire Protection District \(FPD\)/CAL FIRE](#) responded to a call for a structure fire on Ballantree Lane, near Rocks Springs Road, in the community of Aromas (Monterey County). Aromas Tri County FPD/CAL FIRE responded with assistance from North Monterey County FPD, CAL FIRE, Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District, and San Juan Bautista Fire Department, providing approximately 22 firefighters at scene. Additionally, Monterey County Sheriff's Department and AMR Ambulance responded.

Upon arrival, firefighters found a two story, single family residence, approximately 2500 square feet, with smoke and flames showing from the 2nd story. The first in Engine found all occupants to be outside of the residence, and continued to provide an aggressive, interior attack of the fire. Upon continuing to make access into the residence, the fire was found to be most active in the attic. The fire was contained at approximately 8:30 p.m. to much of the 2nd floor.

The residents escaped the fire with no injuries, and will be staying with relatives for the time being. There is currently no estimate to the amount of damages and loss to the residence. There were no injuries to firefighters because of the fire.

The cause of the fire is under investigation. Fires in the home are always tragic, but especially during the holidays. Aromas Tri Counties Fire Protection District/CAL FIRE reminds residents that the holidays place extra loads on electrical wiring in the home. Circuits should not be overloaded with holiday decorations, electric space heaters, or other electric appliances. Also, properly rated extension cords should be used.

Aromas Tri County FPD partners in a cooperative agreement with CAL FIRE for fire services. Aromas FPD staffs one engine in its district 24/7 with two firefighters.

Who: Aromas FPD/CAL FIRE
What: Structure Fire
When: December 31, 2017, 7:25 p.m.
Where: Ballantree Lane, Aromas (Monterey County)

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