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***Press Release***

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**Firefighters Battle Vacant House Fire**

At 3:13am this morning the Modesto Regional Fire Authority responded to reports of smoke coming from a residence at 1113 Boulder Ave in South Modesto. The response brought 5 engines, 1 truck, and 2 chief officers that included assistance from Ceres Fire Department. The first unit arrived to find a vacant single story residence with heavy smoke showing from all sides. The residence was boarded up and crews worked hard to open the structure for access. The majority of the fire was located in the center of the home and attic space. Crews were able to contain the fire within 20 minutes and a search of the residence confirmed no one was inside. Crews remained on scene several hours ensuring the fire was completely extinguished. No injuries were reported and the cause is still under investigation. Damage is estimated at \$75,000.

The Modesto Regional Fire Authority would like to remind citizens to check their smoke detectors monthly and replace the batteries annually.