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***Press Release***

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**MODESTO FIRE RESPONDS TO FATAL FIRE**

**At 6:35 am this morning, the Modesto Fire Department responded to a report of a working structure at 2716 El Pasado Dr. Due to amount of fire found on scene and neighboring homes threatened, a second alarm was requested. The response brought 6 Engine Companies, 3 Truck Companies, 3 Chief Officers, 1 Safety Officer, and an Investigator for a total personnel of 36. Automatic Aid was received from Stanislaus Consolidated Fire and Ceres Fire Department provided coverage in the City of Modesto.**

**The first arriving officer found smoke and flames from a single story residence and fire threatening neighboring homes. Command was established and an aggressive fire attack and search of the residence commenced.**

**Crews located an adult victim inside the residence and an ambulance was requested. Unfortunately, the victim was declared deceased on scene. The quick and aggressive actions of firefighters contained the fire to the home of origin and limited spread to neighboring homes.**

**The cause of the fire and the victim’s death are under investigation. No other injuries were reported and the fire loss is estimated at \$250,000. The actions of the firefighters on scene saved over \$500,000 in damages by containing the fire to the home of origin.**

**The Modesto Fire Department would like to remind citizens to ensure they have working smoke detectors and an exit plan in case of fire.**

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