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## Roof Collapse at Modesto Boot Barn

Modesto – This afternoon, at 2:36 p.m., units from the Modesto Regional Fire Authority responded the Boot Barn store on Plaza Parkway for a water leak. On scene the first arriving Company noted that one of the water pipes supplying the fire sprinkler system and broken with water flowing from the end of the pipe. As the crew was working to address the problem, a large portion of the storeroom roof gave way and collapsed into the room bringing with it a large amount of water from the roof and severing several other pipes from the domestic and fire sprinkler water systems. Several hundred gallons of water poured into the store sales area before firefighters could secure the water supply and stop the water.

Firefighters worked with store personnel, property management and the Utility Companies to render the situation safe. By 6:00 p.m., all utilities were secured, and the damaged area isolated from employees access. Water removal was taking place and corporate representatives were beginning the

planning process of working to repair the damage. No one was injured in the roof collapse. 2 Engines and 1 Truck responded to the incident. A total of 15 firefighters were on hand to assist on scene.

The Modesto Regional Fire authority urges businesses and homeowners to check your rain gutters to ensure that they are clear of debris and properly draining.







