



## Humboldt Bay Fire News Release

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### Smoke Alarms Save Lives.

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**Subject :** Structure Fire 3126 M St., Eureka

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At approximately 1945 hours on 10-11-14, Humboldt Bay Fire (HBF) was dispatched to a structure fire in the vicinity of M St. at Harris St. HBF responded with a first alarm assignment of 15 personnel including three engines, one ladder truck, and two Chief officers.

The first arriving HBF unit reported an attached garage to a residence fully involved in fire which was spreading to the living portion of the structure. Additionally, due to the large volume of fire, the paint and rain gutters on the residence directly to the South of the main fire building began to blister and melt.

Fortunately due to the location of the fire and its proximity to fire stations, several HBF fire apparatus were able to arrive simultaneously which allowed fire personnel to rapidly contain the fire. Crews were able to quickly mount an aggressive interior attack on the fire while at the same time search the residence for potentially trapped occupants. Crews were also able to concentrate on keeping the fire confined to the structure of origin and thereby save the threatened structure to the south. Had the response from HBF contained fewer units, this fire could have easily grown from one to two structures. This fire also proved challenging due to the large amount of material and belongings inside the structure of origin, making suppression efforts and a thorough search of the residence difficult. The fire was knocked down and controlled within approximately 30 minutes of arrival.

Crews worked an additional four hours overhauling the large amount of contents inside the structure and determining the fire was completely out.

Preliminary damage estimates show approximately \$65,000 in damage to the structure. The cause of the fire is under investigation.