



Humboldt Bay Fire News Release

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Subject : Structural Collapse

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On November 04, 2022 at approximately 9:30 p.m. two Humboldt Bay Fire engines, truck and Battalion Chief were dispatched to a structural collapse at the 800 block of 8th Street in Eureka. Dispatch reported a staircase had partially collapsed and trapped tenants on the second story.

Truck company 8181 arrived on scene and confirmed a partial collapse of the staircase with 11 victims trapped on the second floor. Two adults and two children were on the staircase landing when it partially collapsed, but were able to make it to safety in the adjoining apartment, no injuries were indicated. Truck 8181 initiated immediate rescue efforts by setting up the truck and flying the ladder to a second story window. One at a time, victims were assisted out of the window of each apartment, and escorted down the ladder to the ground. Engine 8114 arrived on scene and assisted Truck 8181 to help the victims to the ground. All victims were further assessed by paramedics for injuries with all being injury-free but a little shaken.

Engine 8113 retrieved the Heavy Rescue unit – 8171 - from Station 1 for additional equipment and supplies to assist with shoring up the landing of the staircase. HBF firefighters shored up the staircase landing to prevent further damage to the building, and potential injury to the occupants on the first floor who were advised to shelter in place. The occupants on the second floor were displaced for the remainder of the night until the staircase was repaired the following morning. All occupants were able to find

accommodation with local family or friends for the night and able to return to their apartments the following day.

Humboldt Bay Fire would like to express our appreciation to the property manager for responding so quickly to the scene and resolving the situation.