



PRESS RELEASE

Benicia Fire Department

Date: March 2, 2016
To: For Immediate Release
Contact: Fire Division Chief – Josh Chadwick
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Subject: Structure Fire at 782 Military East

On Wednesday, March 2, 2016, at approximately 3:16 PM, the Benicia Fire Department responded to a smoke investigation near the 700 block of Military East. While en-route, dispatch advised that there were reports of smoke coming from the roof of 782 Military East. At that time a full first alarm assignment was dispatched which included Benicia Engine 11, Engine 12, Engine 211, Battalion 11, Vallejo Engine 22 and Vallejo Truck 21 with Fairfield Engine 35 to provide city coverage. Engine-11 arrived and found a chimney fire that was spreading to the attic of a large, two-story residential structure. Upon arrival, Battalion 11 assumed fire command. Crews made an aggressive fire attack from the interior. The fire had traveled through the attic into a large void area in a secondary attic which required a ventilation hole to be cut in the roof. The fire was extinguished with first alarm resources.

Nobody was living in the residence which was under renovation. The fire started in the fireplace where construction workers were burning wood products. Firefighters kept the fire to the attic area and there was no damage to adjoining residences. There were no civilian or Fire Department injuries. Benicia PD provided crowd & traffic control and Medic Ambulance provided medical stand-by.

See Picture Below



