

# San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District

## Unofficial Incident Report

### Incident

Incident #	2009-0007110-000
Incident Type	111 - Building fire
Station	35
Address	695 BLUE SPRUCE DR
City, State ZipCode	BLACKHAWK, CA 94506
Location	1 - Street address
Mutual Aid	N - None
Entry-Alarm Time	00:00:16
Alarm Date/Time	11/28/2009 20:41:03
Arrival Date/Time	11/28/2009 20:47:32
Alarm-Arrival Time	00:06:29
Entry-Arrival Time	00:06:45
Cleared Date/Time	11/29/2009 00:46:01
Total Incident Time	04:05:25
Shift	C
Alarms	3
District	35003
Action Taken1	112 - Stretch 1 1/2" or 1 3/4" line, extinguish fire
Property Loss	\$500,000.00
Content Loss	\$200,000.00
Property Value	\$1,100,000.00
Content Value	\$400,000.00
Property Use	419 - 1 or 2 family dwelling

### Resources

#### Unit: 3101

Unit Type	92 - Chief officer car
Dispatch Date/Time	11/28/2009 20:49:57
Enroute Date/Time	11/28/2009 20:50:01
Reflex Time	00:00:04
Arrival Date/Time	11/28/2009 21:06:40
Travel Time	00:16:39
Response Time	00:16:43

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**Unit: 3101**

Priority Arrival	Code 3
Cleared Date/Time	11/28/2009 23:05:33
Total Unit Time	02:15:36
Unit Report By	116 - Hart Steven Assistant Chief
Action Taken1	81 - Incident command
From Quarters	Yes
Narrative	3101 was dispatched to this incident at 20:49 hours. I arrived on scene at 21:06 hours. My primary task was incident command. I met with IC Krause upon arrival. He assigned me to assist him with personnel accountability. After fire containment, I met with the homeowners and discussed the "After the Fire" packet. Then assisted crews to locate medicine and possessions that the homeowner requested.

**Personnel (1) - Unit: 3101**

Name	116 - Hart Steven Assistant Chief
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**Unit: 3122**

Unit Type	00 - Other apparatus/resource
Dispatch Date/Time	11/28/2009 21:57:11
Enroute Date/Time	11/28/2009 21:57:17
Reflex Time	00:00:06
Priority Enroute	Did Not Arrive
Arrival Date/Time	11/28/2009 22:06:07
Travel Time	00:08:50
Response Time	00:08:56
Priority Arrival	Code 2
Did not Arrive	No
Cleared Date/Time	11/29/2009 00:43:03
Total Unit Time	02:45:52
Unit Report By	183 - Eubanks Kathleene Senior Office Assistant
Action Taken1	00 - Action taken, other
From Quarters	No
Narrative	This unit assigned in error. 3123 responded.

**Unit: 3123**

Unit Type	00 - Other apparatus/resource
Dispatch Date/Time	11/28/2009 21:57:11
Enroute Date/Time	11/28/2009 21:57:17
Priority Enroute	Code 2

**Unit: 3123**

Arrival Date/Time	11/28/2009 22:06:07
Priority Arrival	Code 2
Cleared Date/Time	11/29/2009 00:43:03
Unit Report By	223 - Kurtz Natalie Fire Inspector
Action Taken1	87 - Investigate fire out on arrival
From Quarters	No
Narrative	<p>I was dispatched to this incident at 21:57 hours and arrived on scene at 22:06 hours. My primary task was fire investigation.</p> <p>Upon my arrival I met with Assistant Chief Hart, who told me the owners were at home when the fire started, and we using the fireplace. They reported seeing embers flying from the chimney, which caught the wood shake roof on fire. I then met with Acting Battalion Chief Krause who pointed out the owners, Mr. and Mrs. Kumnick. I spoke with Mr. Kumnick who said they were using the fireplace that evening and were burning twigs and small pieces of wood. He heard a "whoosing" sound and noticed the fire shooting quickly up the chimney. He indicated that the fireplace was equipped with a gas lighter and he had not been burning any paper or other objects that could easily float in the air. He said the fireplace had not been cleaned in several years and was unsure if it was equipped with a spark arrestor. After he heard the sound, he went outside and noticed embers flying across the front of the home and onto his wood shake roof. He stated that one of the neighbors was outside and also saw the embers. This was the home across the street and was the reporting party at 696 Blue Spruce.</p> <p>My investigation include a complete investigation of the interior and exterior of the home. The stucco chimney was in tact and the interior of the fire box appeared to be undamaged from my view from the second floor master bedroom closet. I also examined the fireplace from the first floor in the family room and was able to use a light to see into the flue. I did not notice any extreme damage of any sort. There was extensive water, fire and smoke damage to the structure</p> <p>The wind conditions at the time of the fire were extreme and most likely attributed to the spread of the embers on the roof.</p> <p>Based on the examination of the fire scene and witness statements, the area of origin was the chimney and the cause was potentially a fire in the chimney or failure of the spark arrestor due to extreme wind conditions. This fire will be classified as accidental and no further action will be taken by this office.</p>

**Personnel (1) - Unit: 3123**

Name	223 - Kurtz Natalie Fire Inspector
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**Unit: B31**

Unit Type	92 - Chief officer car
Dispatch Date/Time	11/28/2009 20:41:06

**Unit: B31**

Enroute Date/Time	11/28/2009 20:44:09
Reflex Time	00:03:03
Priority Enroute	Code 3
Arrival Date/Time	11/28/2009 20:54:03
Travel Time	00:09:54
Response Time	00:12:57
Priority Arrival	Code 3
Cleared Date/Time	11/29/2009 00:46:01
Total Unit Time	04:04:55
Unit Report By	173 - Krause Derek
Action Taken1	81 - Incident command
From Quarters	Yes
Narrative	<p>B31 was dispatched to this incident at 20:41 hours. I arrived on scene at 20:54 hours. I responded from quarters (800 San Ramon Valley Blvd Danville). My dispatch response was Code 3 and arrival response was Code 3. The primary task performed by me was incident command.</p> <p>Upon arrival, I was met by the IC, Captain T35. He advised me that the fire was transmitting to the B1 exposure, two crews were on interior attack and two truck Operators were almost ready to deploy aerial master streams. The occupants had left the structure and there was zero rescue profile. Flame lengths were 20'-30' above the roof surface and bending in the etreme wind conditions toward exposure B1. Ember showers were blowing across several roofs. I assumed IC from Captain T35 and assigned him to Division A. Div A wanted to remove the interior crews to be able to deploy the master streams to knock the roof flames down and I agreed. We withdrew the interior crews and T35 deployed the aerial master stream until the flames had died down significantly and then re-engaged the interior crews. 3101 arrived on scene and assisted with accountability and communication with Dispatch. Radio coverage was very spotty throughout the incident.</p> <p>I assigned Captain E33 to Div C, Captain E30 Div B and E34 RIC. I assigned various crews to the Div Supervisors to complete aggressive salvage operations ahead of fire attack crews, to relieve attack crews, and to exposure protection. I requested a third alarm when I had all companies assigned to work and none in staging. Prior to the arrival of the last engine from the third alarm, we achieved a sustained knockdown of fire, so I canceled the ballance of the 3rd alarm and the 2nd-alarm personnel recall.</p> <p>There were no personnel injuries and no citizen injuries. The fire was contained to the structure of origin even though wind gusts were extreme and sustained enough that the truck Operators wanted to retract them to prevent damage to them. There was significant damage to the roof of the structure and the second floor suffered considerable damage from the fire that transmitted from the roof surface into the attic and eventually dropped into the interior, but crews were able to save a great deal of property through very professional salvage efforts. When crews</p>

**Unit: B31**

questioned the homeowners regarding high priority salvage efforts, they were able to retrieve a great deal of very valuable jewelry and valuable belongings, despite the belongings being buried in debris and some of it inside melted packaging.

I requested an investigator and Investigator Kurtz arrived and conducted an investigation. Kurtz's preliminary conclusion was that the fire was most likely caused by embers from the chimney igniting the wood shake roof and fanned by high winds. The homeowners took the salvaged jewelry and valuables with them when they left the scene. A fire-watch was posted throughout the night until the fire structure was returned to the homeowner at 0930 the next morning. No board-up was necessary due to the fact that the doors and windows on the first floor of the structure were not damaged and able to be secured. Crews had entered the B1 exposure structure to check for fire extension and found none. They were provided access by PD - the homeowner was not at home.

For additional information regarding the cause and origin of the fire, see Investigator Kurtz's final report as well as any other entity's investigation results.

**Personnel (1) - Unit: B31**

Name	173 - Krause Derek Training Division Chief
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**Unit: BS31**

Unit Type	61 - Breathing apparatus support
Dispatch Date/Time	11/28/2009 21:44:31
Enroute Date/Time	11/28/2009 21:57:19
Reflex Time	00:12:48
Priority Enroute	Code 2
Arrival Date/Time	11/28/2009 22:07:03
Travel Time	00:09:44
Response Time	00:22:32
Priority Arrival	Code 2
Cleared Date/Time	11/28/2009 23:17:18
Total Unit Time	01:32:47
Unit Report By	3157 - Ritchie Edward Comm Volunteer
Action Taken1	56 - Provide air supply
From Quarters	Yes
Narrative	BS31 was dispatched to this incident at 21:44 hours. We arrived on scene at 22:07 hours. We responded from quarters (800 San Ramon Valley Blvd Danville). The primary task performed by our company was to provide an air supply.

**Personnel (2) - Unit: BS31**

Name	3166 - Olson Brian Comm Volunteer
Action Taken1	56 - Provide air supply
Name	3157 - Ritchie Edward Comm Volunteer

**Unit: E30**

Unit Type	11 - Engine
Dispatch Date/Time	11/28/2009 20:41:05
Enroute Date/Time	11/28/2009 20:43:00
Reflex Time	00:01:55
Priority Enroute	Code 3
Arrival Date/Time	11/28/2009 20:52:28
Travel Time	00:09:28
Response Time	00:11:23
Priority Arrival	Code 3
Cleared Date/Time	11/28/2009 23:18:51
Total Unit Time	02:37:46
Unit Report By	90 - Colon James Captain
Action Taken1	112 - Stretch 1 1/2" or 1 3/4" line, extinguish fire
From Quarters	Yes
Narrative	<p>E30 was dispatched to this incident at 20:41 hours. We arrived on scene at 20:52 hours. We responded from quarters (11445 Windemere Parkway San Ramon). The primary task performed by our company was to stretch 1 1/2" or 1 3/4" line and extinguish fire &amp; protect exposure house at 691 blue Spruce.</p> <p>E30 assigned to protect exposure on "B" side. E30 crew put water on exposure house (691 Blue Spruce) and on "B" side of house involved with fire. E30 checked attic of 691 Blue spruce.</p>

**Personnel (3) - Unit: E30**

Name	90 - Colon James Captain
Name	75 - Sheppard Jack Engineer
Name	253 - Youngblood John Firefighter/Paramedic

**Unit: E31**

Unit Type	11 - Engine
Dispatch Date/Time	11/28/2009 20:48:01
Enroute Date/Time	11/28/2009 20:49:11
Reflex Time	00:01:10
Priority Enroute	Code 3



**Unit: E31**

Arrival Date/Time	11/28/2009 20:58:57
Travel Time	00:09:46
Response Time	00:10:56
Priority Arrival	Code 3
Cleared Date/Time	11/28/2009 22:48:21
Total Unit Time	02:00:20
Unit Report By	142 - Keel John Captain
Action Taken1	112 - Stretch 1 1/2" or 1 3/4" line, extinguish fire
Action Taken2	12 - Salvage & overhaul
From Quarters	Yes
Narrative	<p>E31 was dispatched to this incident at 20:48 hours. We arrived on scene at 20:58 hours. We responded from quarters (800 San Ramon Valley Blvd Danville). Our dispatch response was Code 3 and arrival response was Code 3. The primary task performed by our company was to stretch 1 1/2" or 1 3/4" line and extinguish fire.</p> <p>We were dispatched as part of the second alarm response to this structure fire. Upon arrival, we were assigned to exposure protection at the C side of the building. We worked with E33 crew to control embers and protect the exposures. We performed salvage operations throughout the first level of the home.</p> <p>We were released from the scene at approximately 2300 and directed to cover FS30. When cleared from cover at FS30 we reported back at the incident location to perform fire watch duties from 2400 to 0240. E39 relieved us of fire watch and we returned to quarters. No injuries reported.</p>

**Personnel (3) - Unit: E31**

Name	142 - Keel John Captain
Name	177 - Mast Paul Engineer
Name	307 - Gery David Firefighter/Paramedic

**Unit: E32**

Unit Type	11 - Engine
Dispatch Date/Time	11/28/2009 21:19:18
Enroute Date/Time	11/28/2009 21:20:53
Reflex Time	00:01:35
Arrival Date/Time	11/28/2009 21:32:33
Travel Time	00:11:40
Response Time	00:13:15
Priority Arrival	Code 3
Cleared Date/Time	11/28/2009 22:27:17

**Unit: E32**

Total Unit Time	01:07:59
Unit Report By	139 - Daugherty James Captain
Action Taken1	12 - Salvage & overhaul
From Quarters	No
Narrative	<p>E32 was dispatched to this incident at 21:19 hours. We arrived on scene at 21:32 hours. The primary task performed by our company was salvage and overhaul.</p> <p>We responded on a third alarm request for a structure fire. Upon arrival, we were assigned to salvage and overhaul. After completing our assignment, we were released from the incident.</p>

**Personnel (3) - Unit: E32**

Name	139 - Daugherty James Captain
Name	178 - Corrie Jr Bartholomew Engineer
Name	282 - Bakalar Michael Firefighter

**Unit: E33**

Unit Type	11 - Engine
Dispatch Date/Time	11/28/2009 20:48:00
Enroute Date/Time	11/28/2009 20:50:54
Reflex Time	00:02:54
Priority Enroute	Code 3
Arrival Date/Time	11/28/2009 21:11:37
Travel Time	00:20:43
Response Time	00:23:37
Priority Arrival	Code 3
Cleared Date/Time	11/28/2009 23:14:42
Total Unit Time	02:26:42
Unit Report By	79 - Cochran Steven Captain
Action Taken1	115 - Stretched precautionary line stood fast
Action Taken2	12 - Salvage & overhaul
Action Taken3	81 - Incident command
Action Taken4	216 - Checked exposures
From Quarters	Yes
Narrative	<p>E33 was dispatched to this incident at 20:48 hours. We arrived on scene at 21:11 hours. We responded from quarters (1051 Diablo Road Danville). The primary task performed by our company was to stretch precautionary line and then stood fast.</p> <p>E33 responded as part of the second alarm assignment to a structure fire.</p>



**Unit: E33**

Upon arrival the IC detailed us to the "C" side of the structure where we contained the fire to the roof and prevented embers and flying brands from igniting surrounding structures. Additionally, we salvaged the kitchen and dayroom area of the downstairs portion of the house. We were then asked to evaluate the upstairs for overhaul, and did overhaul the interior stairway and upstairs hall to make safe passage for future investigations and cleanup. We were released and returned to quarters.

**Personnel (3) - Unit: E33**

Name	79 - Cochran Steven Captain
Action Taken1	81 - Incident command
Action Taken2	115 - Stretched precautionary line stood fast
Action Taken3	217 - Checked surrounding properties
Action Taken4	12 - Salvage & overhaul
Name	159 - Smith Scott Engineer
Name	201 - Terry Matthew Firefighter/Paramedic

**Unit: E34**

Unit Type	11 - Engine
Dispatch Date/Time	11/28/2009 20:48:00
Enroute Date/Time	11/28/2009 20:49:57
Reflex Time	00:01:57
Priority Enroute	Code 3
Arrival Date/Time	11/28/2009 20:59:16
Travel Time	00:09:19
Response Time	00:11:16
Priority Arrival	Code 3
Cleared Date/Time	11/28/2009 22:32:40
Total Unit Time	01:44:40
Unit Report By	136 - Bailey Dale Captain
Action Taken1	10 - Fire control or extinguishment, other
Action Taken2	112 - Stretch 1 1/2" or 1 3/4" line, extinguish fire
Action Taken3	201 - Operated/Assigned as RIC
From Quarters	Yes
Narrative	<p>E34 was dispatched to this incident at 20:48 hours. We arrived on scene at 20:59 hours. We responded from quarters (12599 Alcosta Blvd San Ramon). Our dispatch response was Code 3 and arrival response was Code 3. The primary task performed by our company was to extinguish fire or put under control.</p> <p>Responded code three on a second alarm structure fire assignment. Upon arrival, we were assigned fire attack on the second floor. We</p>

<b>Unit: E34</b>	
completed our assignment and then we were assigned RIC. We completed this assignment and then we were released.	
<b>Personnel (3) - Unit: E34</b>	
Name	144 - Curtis Daniel Engineer
Name	225 - Balch Scott Firefighter/Paramedic
Name	136 - Bailey Dale Captain
<b>Unit: E35</b>	
Unit Type	11 - Engine
Dispatch Date/Time	11/28/2009 20:41:03
Enroute Date/Time	11/28/2009 20:43:57
Reflex Time	00:02:54
Priority Enroute	Code 3
Arrival Date/Time	11/28/2009 20:47:32
Travel Time	00:03:35
Response Time	00:06:29
Priority Arrival	Code 3
Cleared Date/Time	11/29/2009 00:10:33
Total Unit Time	03:29:30
Unit Report By	240 - Ray Alex Captain
Action Taken1	112 - Stretch 1 1/2" or 1 3/4" line, extinguish fire
Action Taken2	10 - Fire control or extinguishment, other
From Quarters	Yes
Narrative	<p>At 20:41 hours on Saturday, November 28, 2009 (C-Shift), we responded to a building fire. E35, the first unit to arrive, was on scene at 20:47 hours (Code 3). The last unit cleared the scene at 00:46 hours.</p> <p>The incident occurred at 696 BLUE SPRUCE DR BLACKHAWK in District 35003. This location can be referenced on map (TB) 654A3. The primary station for this address is 35 (505 Silver Oak Lane Danville). On arrival E35 crew found a two story single family residence that had significant fire visible on the B and C side of the wood shake roof. E35 gave a size-up and ordered a 2nd alarm from the cab. Wind speeds upon arrival were at least 30 to 40 mph and quickly increased prior to any fire fighting efforts. E35 crew assumed IC and pulled an 1 3/4 line for immediate fire exposure protection on the B side of the structure. We found the homeowner and confirmed that all occupants were outside and safe. E35 made contact with dispatch and advised them to contact East Bay Mud for an increase in water pressure. E35 transferred IC to T35 captain and advised him that E35 crew was going to enter the structure for fire attack operations and attempt to contain the fire to the attic space. Due to the high wind factor and the self vented roof, the fire was now involving at least 75% of the attic</p>

**Unit: E35**

space prior to any interior lines in place. Embers were now landing on roofs three houses down. E35 crews advanced an 1 3/4 line and attempted to extinguish the fire in the attic. The line was taken to the second floor which was clear below the second floor ceiling level. The fire was involvement in the attic was extreme and the interior lines were not effective due to high wind. IC requested that all interior crews abandon the structure due to an exterior elevated water stream operation. E35 crew was assigned to various fire ground operations at this point from fire attack to salvage operations. E35 engineer maintained attack and water supply for the entire event. No injuries were noted.

**Personnel (3) - Unit: E35**

Name	240 - Ray Alex Captain
Name	205 - Mariolle Matthew Engineer
Name	152 - Sciortino Michael Firefighter

**Unit: E36**

Unit Type	11 - Engine
Dispatch Date/Time	11/28/2009 20:41:04
Enroute Date/Time	11/28/2009 20:43:38
Reflex Time	00:02:34
Priority Enroute	Code 3
Arrival Date/Time	11/28/2009 20:50:06
Travel Time	00:06:28
Response Time	00:09:02
Priority Arrival	Code 3
Cleared Date/Time	11/28/2009 23:41:49
Total Unit Time	03:00:45
Unit Report By	113 - Dakin Matthew Captain
Action Taken1	115 - Stretched precautionary line stood fast
Action Taken2	12 - Salvage & overhaul
Action Taken3	216 - Checked exposures
Action Taken4	81 - Incident command
From Quarters	Yes
Narrative	<p>E36 was dispatched to this incident at 20:41 hours. We arrived on scene at 20:50 hours. We responded from quarters (2001 Lusitano Street Danville). Our dispatch response was Code 3 and arrival response was Code 3. The primary task performed by our company was to stretch precautionary line and then stood fast.</p> <p>E36 arrived on scene of this structure fire and were assigned to pull a hoseline upstairs and attack the fire. We attacked the fire in the attic</p>

**Unit: E36**

from the upstairs using pike poles to pull ceiling to gain access, and standing on an attic ladder. We were ordered back out of the house by the IC. The aerial ladder was then used on the roof and attic. We were reassigned to RIC. During the remainder of the incident we were given additional assignments such as salvage and overhaul.

**Personnel (3) - Unit: E36**

Name	113 - Dakin Matthew Captain
Name	190 - Shafer Bryan Engineer
Name	300 - Bradley Joseph Firefighter/Paramedic

**Unit: E39**

Unit Type	11 - Engine
Dispatch Date/Time	11/28/2009 21:19:23
Enroute Date/Time	11/28/2009 21:19:40
Reflex Time	00:00:17
Priority Enroute	Code 3
Priority Arrival	Code 3
Cleared Date/Time	11/28/2009 21:34:25
Total Unit Time	00:15:02
Unit Report By	275 - Sinclear Jonathan Firefighter/Paramedic
Action Taken1	931 - Cancelled after Arrival
From Quarters	No
Narrative	<p>E39 was dispatched to this incident at 21:19 hours. Our dispatch response was Code 3 and arrival response was Code 3. The primary task performed by our company was cancelled after arrival.</p> <p>Called to a three alarm fire. E39 was cancelled at scene by IC. E39 AOR</p>

**Personnel (3) - Unit: E39**

Name	69 - Anderson Mark Captain
Name	68 - Ryan Robert Engineer
Name	275 - Sinclear Jonathan Firefighter/Paramedic

**Unit: PM31**

Unit Type	76 - ALS unit
Dispatch Date/Time	11/28/2009 20:41:05
Enroute Date/Time	11/28/2009 20:43:22
Reflex Time	00:02:17
Priority Enroute	Code 2

**Unit: PM31**

Arrival Date/Time	11/28/2009 20:56:37
Travel Time	00:13:15
Response Time	00:15:32
Priority Arrival	Code 2
Cleared Date/Time	11/28/2009 23:01:17
Total Unit Time	02:20:12
Unit Report By	285 - Rossen Martin Firefighter/Paramedic
Action Taken1	12 - Salvage & overhaul
From Quarters	Yes
Narrative	<p>PM31 was dispatched to this incident at 20:41 hours. We arrived on scene at 20:56 hours. We responded from quarters (800 San Ramon Valley Blvd Danville). Our dispatch response was Code 2 and arrival response was Code 2. The primary task performed by our company was salvage and overhaul.</p> <p>PM31 responded as part of the first alarm assignment. Upon arrival, PM31 was assigned to perform salvage on the lower level of structure. PM31 crew performed salvage with the assistance of E31 crew. PM31 was then assigned to assist with rehab of crew exiting the structure.</p> <p>PM31 was cleared and returned to quarters.</p>

**Personnel (2) - Unit: PM31**

Name	274 - Medley Brian Firefighter/Paramedic
Name	285 - Rossen Martin Firefighter/Paramedic

**Unit: T31**

Unit Type	12 - Truck or aerial
Dispatch Date/Time	11/28/2009 21:19:26
Enroute Date/Time	11/28/2009 21:19:47
Reflex Time	00:00:21
Priority Enroute	Code 3
Arrival Date/Time	11/28/2009 21:32:27
Travel Time	00:12:40
Response Time	00:13:01
Priority Arrival	Code 3
Cleared Date/Time	11/28/2009 21:33:31
Total Unit Time	00:14:05
Unit Report By	175 - Spani Bruno Captain
Action Taken1	93 - Cancelled en route
From Quarters	No

**Unit: T31**

Narrative T31 was dispatched to this incident at 21:19 hours. We arrived on scene at 21:32 hours. Our dispatch response was Code 3 and arrival response was Code 3. The primary task performed by our company was cancelled en route.

We were dispatched on the third alarm and were cancelled while enroute.

**Personnel (3) - Unit: T31**

Name 175 - Spani Bruno Captain  
 Name 180 - Stiner Eric Engineer  
 Name 294 - Fouts Robert Firefighter/Paramedic

**Unit: T34**

Unit Type 12 - Truck or aerial  
 Dispatch Date/Time 11/28/2009 20:41:05  
 Enroute Date/Time 11/28/2009 20:44:12  
 Reflex Time 00:03:07  
 Priority Enroute Code 3  
 Arrival Date/Time 11/28/2009 20:53:56  
 Travel Time 00:09:44  
 Response Time 00:12:51  
 Priority Arrival Code 3  
 Cleared Date/Time 11/28/2009 23:13:15  
 Total Unit Time 02:32:10  
 Unit Report By 93 - Armario Donald Captain  
 Action Taken1 52 - Forcible entry  
 Action Taken2 216 - Checked exposures  
 Action Taken3 12 - Salvage & overhaul  
 From Quarters Yes  
 Narrative T34 was dispatched to this incident at 20:41 hours. We arrived on scene at 20:53 hours. We responded from quarters (12599 Alcosta Blvd San Ramon). The primary task performed by our company was forcible entry.

T34 responded code three from station 34. Once we were arriving on scene, we noticed flying embers landing in the surrounding neighborhood blocks before arriving at the address of the fire. The winds were blowing in the range of 40 MPH plus. The exposure house (B-side) was being showered by flying embers. The IC (Fouts) came up to me and requested my crew protect the exposure. I noticed a ember had landed on the homes pool solar heater panels on the roof and started on fire. We pulled a hose line off of engine 30 and extinguished the fire. I kicked in the man-door to the garage to gain entry into the



**Unit: T34**

unoccupied house. Once inside the home, I checked for fire extension. Nothing was found. We gained entry into the attic and found the attic was clear. Water was continually applied to the roof until the fire next door was knocked down.

The house was turned over to Captain Colon to watch while my crew went next door to salvage the up stairs. Once inside the home we salvaged two bedrooms. I made contact with the home owner, she asked me to look for her jewelry. We found a few items for her. We were released a short time later. We covered sta 35 for about an hour before being released to return to sta 34.

**Personnel (3) - Unit: T34**

Name	195 - Huettis Richard Engineer
Name	93 - Armario Donald Captain
Name	308 - Parsons Christopher Firefighter/Paramedic

**Unit: T35**

Unit Type	12 - Truck or aerial
Dispatch Date/Time	11/28/2009 20:41:03
Enroute Date/Time	11/28/2009 20:43:54
Reflex Time	00:02:51
Priority Enroute	Code 3
Arrival Date/Time	11/28/2009 20:48:52
Travel Time	00:04:58
Response Time	00:07:49
Priority Arrival	Code 3
Cleared Date/Time	11/28/2009 23:42:04
Total Unit Time	03:01:01
Unit Report By	63 - Fouts Jarrold Captain
Action Taken1	116 - Supplied 4" line to tower ladder
Action Taken2	112 - Stretch 1 ½" or 1 ¾" line, extinguish fire
Action Taken3	115 - Stretched precautionary line stood fast
Action Taken4	12 - Salvage & overhaul
Two In/Two Out	Yes
From Quarters	Yes
Narrative	T35 was dispatched to this incident at 20:41 hours. We arrived on scene at 20:48 hours. We responded from quarters (505 Silver Oak Lane Danville). The primary task performed by our company was to supply 4" line to tower ladder. T35 responded to this structure fire and arrived as the second in unit. I did the initial walk around and reported findings to E35 who started an interior attack of an attic fire that had vented, or a roof fire that was being blown by a very strong wind. Either way the



**Unit: T35**

roof was gone and the fire was trying to extend to the next house. I became IC and directed the next in units ( T34) to assist E 35 with interior attack and initiated RIC with E36 crew. The fire was being whipped by a 40 mph wind and blowing embers to the next two homes. I directed E30 to become division B and protect the home to the B side of the fire, and I also directed e 34 to protect subsequent homes next to the B side home immediately threatened. I pulled out the initial interior units for just long enough to darken the roof area with a stream from T35 and once the roof was darkened I put units back inside to finish fire attack. PM 31 was put to use starting salvage, and as fire attack units completed their fire attack and the fire was abated we used those units to help with the salvage efforts.

**Personnel (3) - Unit: T35**

Name	63 - Fouts Jarrold Captain
Name	228 - Pellegrini Damon Engineer
Name	284 - Smith Shane Firefighter/Paramedic
Action Taken1	112 - Stretch 1 1/2" or 1 3/4" line, extinguish fire
Action Taken2	116 - Supplied 4" line to tower ladder

**Persons Involved (1)**

Name	MR Robert Kumnick
Involvement	Property Owner
Address	695 Blue Spruce Rd
City, State ZipCode	Danville, CA 94506
Phone	(925) 736-5050
Mobile Phone	(925) 788-2016

**Fire**

Residential Units	1
Buildings Involved	1
Acres Burned	None
Area Of Origin	74 - Attic: vacant, crawl space above top story
Heat Source	43 - Hot ember or ash
Item First Ignited	11 - Exterior roof covering, surface, finish
Type Of Material First Ignited	60 - Wood or paper, processed, other
Cause of Ignition	2 - Unintentional
Factor Contributing To Ignition1	61 - High wind
Human Factor	None
Suppression Factor1	732 - Wind, including hurricanes or tornadoes
Equipment Involved Type	120 - Fireplace, chimney, other

**Fire**

Equipment Involved Power	41 - Wood, paper
Equipment Involved Portability	2 - Stationary
Mobile Property Involved	None

**Structure**

Structure Type	1 - Enclosed building
Building Status	2 - In normal use
Floors Above Grade	2
Floors Belows Grade	0
Building Length	100
Building Width	50
Story of Fire Origin	2
Fire Spread	4 - Confined to building of origin
Flame Spread Item	11 - Exterior roof covering, surface, finish
Flame Spread Material	60 - Wood or paper, processed, other
Construction Class	6 - Frame (Construction Class 6)
People Evacuated	2
Roof Covering	4 - Wood shakes or shingles untreated, includes spray on apps
Building Type	R3 - Dwelling, lodging house, family residence
Chimney Involved	Yes
Smoke Spread	3 - Confined to building of origin
Detector Presence	1 - Present
Detector Type	1 - Smoke
Detector Power	4 - Hardwire with battery backup
Detector Operation	2 - Detector operated
Detector Effect	3 - There were no occupants
AES Presence	N - None Present
Stories Significant Flame	0
Stories Heavy Flame	2
Stories Heavy Smoke	2
Stories Significant Water	2