

City of Yuma Fire Department

Press Release

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Subject: Residential House Fire

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On January 25th shortly after 12:30pm, the Yuma Fire Department (YFD) received multiple 911 calls reporting a house fire in the 3400 blk of West 17th place. Crews from the Yuma Engine 4 and Yuma Medic 4 arrived to find a large single-story, single-family home with heavy smoke billowing out of multiple windows and doors. Initial reports indicated that the homeowners had safely evacuated the structure however one pet remained inside. Crews immediately secured a water supply from a near by hydrant and deployed hose lines to gain control of the fire's growth. It was determined early in the incident that the fire had spread to the attic space; direct fire impingement on roof rafters increase the risk for roof collapse. Due to the increased risk crews operated in the "defensive" operational strategy ensuring that the fire was contained to the building of origin.

Two occupants of the home were transported for smoke related complaints to Onvida Health by Yuma Medic 2 and Yuma Medic 3. Both victims were in stable status at the time of transport. A Yuma Firefighter sustained a non-life-threatening injury to while working on the scene and was also transported to Onvida Health by Rural/Metro Ambulance for further evaluation. One pet in the home succumbed to smoke inhalation, Yum

Cause and origin determination is being handled by the Community Risk Reduction Division of the Yuma Fire Department. Currently, the cause is still under investigation.

The total response included Yuma Engine 4, Yuma Engine 2, Yuma Engine 3, Yuma Engine 6, Marine Corp Air Station Engine 1, Yuma Battalion 1, Yuma Medic 3, Yuma Medic 4, and Yuma Medic 2, Yuma Medic 3 ##END##

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