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One Person Injured In Lompoc Garage Fire

Lompoc firefighters rescue dog from burning garage

LOMPOC, CA, June 6, 2017 – One person suffered minor injuries in a garage fire Tuesday afternoon in Lompoc, and firefighters carried a dog to safety from the burning garage.

When Lompoc firefighters arrived on scene shortly after 4 p.m. to the gated house community near the intersection of V Street and Laurel Avenue, they found light smoke coming from a vent and upper window of the two-story house, as well as the garage.

A man who had been upstairs in the house sleeping when the fire started was outside the home when firefighters got to the scene. Firefighters rescued a small dog from the garage where the fire was burning. The man suffered injuries believed to be related to smoke-inhalation, and was transported by ambulance to Lompoc Valley Medical Center. He was the sole occupant of the home at the time of the fire. An update on his condition was not immediately available.

The rescued dog did not appear to be badly injured, and Santa Barbara County Animal Services was called to assist. The dog was placed in Animal Services' care.

Lompoc firefighters, who were joined by firefighters from Vandenberg and Santa Barbara County, extinguished the blaze in about five minutes. The fire was contained to the garage, and the cause of the fire remains under investigation.

Lompoc firefighters credit a working smoke detector with waking up the occupant of the home, and allowing him to escape the burning residence without suffering worse injury or death.

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