



SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT

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A THREE-ALARM FIRE DISPLACES SEVERAL IN THE NOPA NEIGHBORHOOD

San Francisco, CA – The San Francisco Fire Department (SFFD) extinguished a three-alarm fire in the city's north-of-panhandle neighborhood early Monday morning that sent two people to the hospital and left several displaced.

The fire was reported at a home on the 700 block of Masonic Avenue shortly before 3:20 a.m. After dispatch received multiple calls about the incident. Upon arrival at 03:23 a.m., firefighters observed smoke and flames from all floors at 720 Masonic Avenue, a three-story duplex residential home under renovation. SFFD and San Francisco Police (SFPD) began evacuating nearby buildings. This fast-moving fire quickly escalated to a second alarm response at 3:25 a.m. and a third alarm at 3:30 a.m., bringing over 31 fire apparatus and 100 SFFD firefighters and paramedics to the scene.

Firefighters and Police evacuated occupants, with one occupant rescued by SFFD and transported to a local hospital with minor injuries, and a second occupant was located by Rescue Squad 1 at the rear of the building who had jumped from the third floor of the burning building for safety and had to be hospitalized with serious injuries. The fire caused major damage to 720 Masonic Avenue and spread to two adjacent buildings on either side of 720 Masonic Avenue causing significant damage to those buildings.

During this transitional fire, firefighters were faced with a fast-moving fire upon arrival, and during the incident a floor collapse and subsequent roof collapse in 720 Masonic. No firefighters were injured.

Multiple buildings in the area were evacuated due to the fire and a temporary reunification and recovery location was established by the American Red Cross at the John Adams City College Campus across the street from this incident. The fire was contained at 4:54 and under control at 6:53 a.m.

This fire is under investigation by the San Francisco Fire Investigation Task Force.

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