



PFA Incident Information

PFA Public Information Office: (970) 416-2867

Date:	12/12/2009	Adults Injured:	None				
Time Call Received:	0954 hours	Minors Injured:	None				
Incident Type:	Structure Fire	Civilian Fatalities:	None				
Address/Location:	887 Blue Heron Lane	Civilians Rescued:	None				
Incident No:	09-15609	Firefighter Injuries:	None				
Occupancy Name:	N/A	Firefighter Fatalities:	None				
Occupancy / # Units	Single-family dwelling	Pet / Animal Fatalities/ Injuries:	Four present, NONE injured				
1 st In Company:	Engine 12	Assisting Agencies:	PVH EMS, Larimer County Sheriff's Office				
Battalion:	One	Incident Control Time:	N/AV				
Dollar Loss:	N/AV	Incident Duration:	N/AV				
Dollars Saved:	\$500,000 +	Total # Alarms:	Two				
Displaced/Evacuated:	Two	Total # Personnel	Thirty				
Origin:	Dining Room	Incident Commander:	Acting BC R. Callahan				
Cause:	Under Investigation	Submitted by:	Patrick Love 1300 hours				
Engines	Ladder Trucks	Brush Engines	Rescues	Ambulances	Water Tenders	Command Units	Investigators
Five	Two	None	None	One	Three	One	One

Fort Collins, CO – Poudre Emergency Communications Center received a 911 call from a fire alarm monitoring company to report a fire alarm activation at this residence. The typical one engine response was dispatched and was en route when it was upgraded to a two engine response after the homeowner called 911 to report that smoke and flames were present. Shortly after, the response was upgraded to a three engine alarm because of the large size of the structure and the potential for life safety issues.

The first due engine arrived to find light smoke being emitted from the large three level single-family dwelling. While firefighters were entering the structure, the fire sprinkler system activated. Once firefighters made entry with a hoseline and reached the dining room, they found that the fire had been almost completely extinguished by the *single* activated sprinkler head and only required a small amount of water to extinguish the remaining fire.

The homeowner stated that she had been absent from her home for only 10 minutes. When she returned home, she discovered that at her residence, the fire alarm activated, and a fire in the dining room. The homeowner expressed concern for the safety of her two cats, which were found safe and unharmed by firefighters.

The fire was quickly extinguished; the residence suffered *minimal* smoke and fire damage. In addition, the residents will not be displaced and the home remains habitable.

This is the third fire within Poudre Fire Authority district in 2009 that has been extinguished by a fire sprinkler system. Our firefighters would like to point out that fire sprinkler systems cannot only save lives, but property too.

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