



Marina Fire & Police Departments

MEDIA RELEASE

FATAL FIRE AT RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY

DATE OF INCIDENT: November 5, 2011
TIME OF INCIDENT: 11:46 PM (2346 Hours)
LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 3239 Seaside Court
DEPARTMENT CONTACT: Lt. Rick Janicki, PIO

On November 5, 2011, at 11:46 PM, the Marina Fire and Police Departments were dispatched to 3200 block of Seaside Court on a report of a structure fire. On arrival, police and fire units found a single family residence was on fire and that there were people inside. Rescue efforts began immediately.

Due to the size and nature of the fire, assistance was requested from Presidio of Monterey Fire Department, North Monterey County Regional Fire District, Monterey Regional Fire District, Monterey Fire Department and the Seaside Fire Department. In total twenty-three firefighters from the aforementioned fire departments responded and assisted.

During firefighting efforts, it was found that four adults perished in the fire and two were injured. Three Marina police officers were also injured, suffering smoke inhalation, when they attempted to rescue persons within the residence. The officers were treated and released. All those injured were treated at either Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital and Natividad Medical Center.

Preliminary investigation of the incident revealed the residence was a care facility for the disabled. The cause of the fire is being investigated and is suspected to have started within the residence.

Names of the deceased and injured are being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

The Marina Fire and Police Departments wish to thank the following agencies for their assistance during this incident: Presidio of Monterey Fire Department, North Monterey County Regional Fire District, Monterey Regional Fire District, Monterey Fire Department, Seaside Fire Department, California State University Monterey Bay Police Department and the Monterey County Sheriff's Department.

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