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STRUCTURE FIRE—2700 BLOCK OF MARTIN ROAD, MCKINLEYVILLE

MCKINLEYVILLE, CA - At approximately 4:07 a.m. on January 25, 2026, units from the Arcata Fire District, Fieldbrook Fire Department, and CAL FIRE Trinidad were dispatched to a reported residential structure fire in the 2700 block of Martin Road in McKinleyville.

Humboldt County Sheriff's Deputies patrolling the area notified the CAL FIRE Emergency Command Center that the structure was well involved, with a partial roof collapse occurring prior to the arrival of fire units.

The first-arriving Arcata Fire District engine encountered heavy fire in the front half of a vacant structure, with flames extending into the attic. Portions of the roof had already collapsed, and additional sections were actively failing.

Firefighters initiated an exterior attack and quickly knocked down the main body of fire. Crews then transitioned to interior operations to extinguish remaining hot spots and confirm the structure was unoccupied.

The fire was brought under control within approximately 20 minutes. Fire investigators determined the cause of the fire to be arson. The investigation remains ongoing. Anyone with information related to this incident is encouraged to contact the Arcata Fire District at (707) 825-2000.

No injuries were reported.

The vacant structure was deemed a total loss, with damages estimated at approximately \$200,000.

The Arcata Fire District would like to thank its partner agencies for their assistance and cooperation during this incident.

 
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