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## RUBBISH FIRE THREATENS STRUCTURE

(McKinleyville, CA) – May 14, 2018 – Arcata Fire District responded to a rubbish fire on Douglas Avenue in McKinleyville. Crews were notified at 10:01 am of a reported vegetation fire with threat to nearby structure. Upon arrival, units found access challenging due to a long narrow road and a driveway blocked by multiple vehicles and travel trailers.

On scene, personnel used one dry chemical extinguisher and a five-gallon water can to hold the fire that had ignited the structure while additional crews made access to the area through a neighbor's fence, completing a hose lay and completely extinguishing the fire. The fire occurred in a non-hydrant area so it required multiple fire engines and additional staffing to maintain a constant water flow for firefighters.

Arcata sent three engines, three volunteers and two chief officers. E1274, of CAL FIRE Trinidad Station, provided mutual-aid. Engines from Humboldt Bay, Fieldbrook, and Samoa also provided coverage of the District.

Fire grows and spreads rapidly so any delays to the fire response can result in a significant increase in fire damage. Ensure that access to your residence is well marked and clear of obstacles such as overgrown brush, vehicles, and potholes.

Value of the residence saved is estimated at \$260,000. The items destroyed in the fire included three vehicles, numerous tools and pieces of equipment, and other common household items.

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