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Release of 2700 Middlefield Rd Fire Investigation Report

Menlo Park, CA (January 29, 2025) – On Monday June 3, 2024, a fire occurred at 10:14 a.m. at 2700 Middlefield Rd in North Fair Oaks. 2700 Middlefield Rd, known as Middlefield Junction, is a San Mateo County owned property that houses a medical facility, and was in the process of constructing two multi-family residential structures. Building A is a five-story wood frame building. Building B was a six-story building, the first floor of which was a concrete podium parking garage, and the remaining five floors were wood frame multi-family residential. Both buildings were actively in the same construction phase with plans that they be completed together. These buildings were located behind the three-story medical facility and were funded to provide low-income housing within San Mateo County. The fire was confined to Building B, a six-story, 104-unit multi-family residential structure that was under construction at the time.

The fire started on the 5th floor, with several onsite construction workers unsuccessfully attempting to extinguish the fire. The building was evacuated safely, 911 was called, and the fire spread quickly consuming the entire structure. 36 engines, six ladder trucks, and a number of fire and law enforcement support resources from San Mateo and Santa Clara agencies managed to contain the fire to the structure in which the fire started. As a result, no losses occurred in the nearby neighborhood or to the adjacent building under construction. There were no reported injuries associated with this incident.

Menlo Park Fire District Fire Marshal Jon Johnston requested assistance from the San Mateo County Fire Investigation Task Force as well as the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF). The Task Force, over nine months, performed multiple interviews, combing through pictures, videos, and other evidence as well as conducting testing, and validating any leads or rumors. Following a thorough investigation, the cause of the fire was classified as undetermined.

The Menlo Park Fire District would like to thank the supporting agencies that assisted in the investigation to determine the cause and origin of this devastating fire.

The Public version of the report of the findings of this investigation is available on the Fire District website. <https://www.menlofire.gov/news/post/19912/>

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