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Press Release

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Firefighters respond to Condition 2 fire at 6201 London Bridge Dr.

El Paso, Texas – At approximately 6 a.m. on Thursday Jan. 1, the El Paso Fire Department was dispatched to a condition 2 fire at 6201 London Bridge Dr. when the neighbors saw smoke and called 911. Upon arriving on the scene at 6:05 a.m., crews found heavy smoke and fire coming from the front porch of the house. There were four occupants in the house, but they had self-evacuated. Fire personnel were able to rescue the family's three dogs, cat and pet fish.

Firefighters were able to bring the fire under control at 7 a.m. and contain it to the outside front porch. About 1% of the home suffered smoke damage. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

There were no injuries to residents or fire personnel. A total of 13 units and 31 personnel from the El Paso Fire Department responded to this incident. El Paso Police, Texas Gas Service and El Paso Electric assisted in the incident.

The family was able to self-evacuate when their working smoke alarms went off. The El Paso Fire Department would like to remind the public about their FREE Smoke Detector Program. In less than 30 seconds, a small flame can get completely out of control and begin filling a home with thick, black, poisonous smoke. In just a few minutes, a home can become completely engulfed with flames. With the advance notice of a working smoke alarm, residents can escape with their lives.

Residents who do not have a smoke detector who live within the city limits of El Paso, own their home and are willing to let the El Paso Fire Department make the installation, can request a FREE smoke detector by calling 485-5699.

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