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PRELIMINARY CAUSE DETERMINED IN SUNNYVALE BLAZE

SUNNYVALE, Calif. – Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety (DPS) fire investigators have issued a preliminary finding of the cause of the three-alarm blaze that occurred during the early morning hours of June 20. The cause of the fire, which burned several units of the apartment complex at 639 Caliente, has been determined to be an accidental cooking fire.

The resident of the unit where the fire originated told investigators that he had a pot on the stove, preparing a meal. He then fell asleep while watching television and was awakened by the sound of the smoke detector sounding. The resident suffered second-degree burns to his hands, arms and face while trying unsuccessfully to extinguish the fire. Unable to put out the fire, the resident fled his apartment and alerted the residents of his neighboring apartment of the fire.

Investigators believe that the presence of a smoke detector in the apartment saved the resident's life. The damage to the apartment complex is estimated to be \$800,000.

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