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Structure Fire, Carmel Highlands (Monterey County)

Monterey, CA – At about 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 30, 2011, [CAL FIRE/Carmel Highlands Fire Protection District \(FPD\)](#) responded to a call for structure fire at the Highlands Inn, in the community of Carmel Highlands (Monterey County). CAL FIRE/Carmel Highlands FPD responded with Cypress FPD, Pebble Beach CSD, CAL FIRE, Carmel-by-the-Sea FD, and Monterey County Regional FPD, for a total of about 25 firefighters.

Upon arrival, firefighters discovered the roof of a condominium unit on fire on Highlands Drive, near the intersection with Pine Way. Firefighters were able to contain the fire to a portion of the roof and attic of the building, with no extension into the interior. The 18,000 square foot structure is comprised of numerous condominium units worth in excess of \$12 million; damage is estimated at \$20,000.

There were no injuries during this fire. The occupants were evacuated; the evacuation was limited to the structure of origin. The cause of the fire is under investigation. The fire was 100% contained about 8:20 p.m. Firefighters will remain on scene approximately 2 more hours.

Carmel Highlands FPD partners in a cooperative agreement with CAL FIRE for fire services. Carmel Highlands FPD staffs one engine in its district 24/7 with three firefighters, one of whom is a paramedic.

Who: CAL FIRE/Carmel Highlands FPD
What: Structure Fire
When: November 30, 2011, 8:07 p.m.; 100% contained 8:20 p.m.
Where: [Highlands Inn](#), Carmel Highlands (Monterey County)

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