

# Two-alarm fire in East Palo Alto

A two-alarm fire caused more than \$400,000 damage as it swept through an apartment complex in East Palo Alto Friday night.

The fire started in the second floor bedroom of an apartment at 35 Newell Road in a small section of East Palo Alto west of the Bayshore Freeway, said Menlo Park Fire Protection District Battalion Chief Rick Risdon.

The fire quickly spread to three other apartments before firefighters put it out. Four additional

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apartments received smoke damage, Risdon said.

The cause of the blaze is still under investigation.

Two firefighters received minor injuries but no one else was hurt in the blaze, which started at 11:42 p.m..

Risdon said the fire was reported by the occupants of the apartment as well as neighbors across the street.

Ten fire vehicles and 19 firefighters from the Menlo Park Fire Protection District, and the Redwood City and Palo Alto Fire Departments responded to the blaze.

"We had the fire under control in about 20 minutes, but we were there for about six hours cleaning up," Risdon said.