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UNDETECTED FIRE CAUSES HEAVY DAMAGE TO RESIDENCE

At approximately 6:50 this morning, Golder Ranch fire fighters were dispatched to the 60,000 block of East Arroyo Vista, in Pinal County, for a house fire. When emergency crews arrived on scene about 10 minutes later, they discovered that the fire, which had begun in the kitchen, had moved through the attic to other parts of the house. Conditions indicated that the fire had been burning for long period of time, going unnoticed as the resident was in the process of moving. Firefighters opened up walls and ceiling spaces checking for other areas of involvement and a short time later, the remaining fire was fully extinguished.

Golder Ranch Fire District inspectors have ruled that the fire was accidental and preliminary indications point to chemicals used to clean a granite counter top as the cause. Further investigation shows that the fire burned long and hot enough to burn through the roof trusses over the kitchen, creating the potential for roof collapse. Damage to the house is estimated to be above \$100,000. No one was injured in this incident and the resident was at their other property.

The Golder Ranch Fire District would like to remind everyone that if you rent a property, it is a good idea to obtain renters insurance. Additionally, read all labels on cleaning materials to ensure that they are used and stored properly. For more information on various safety topics, please visit our website at www.grfdaz.gov.

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