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## City of Visalia Fire Department

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### **Fire Inside S. Mooney Target Fills Store with Smoke**

At 7:30 P.M. on Sunday, April 3, 2022, fire personnel responded to a commercial structure fire on the 4200 block of South Mooney Boulevard. Prior to the fire department's arrival employees from Target were attempting to put the fire out and evacuate the store. Upon arrival the first engine reported smoke throughout the building and investigated to make sure the fire had been extinguished. It was confirmed that the fire was put out, but some materials were still smoldering, and all of the occupants were all out of the business. One employee was treated and released for smoke inhalation. Fire crews then began to work with Target staff on removing the smoke still inside the business.

Four engines, one truck, one Chief Officer, and one Fire Marshal responded to the incident for a total of 17 personnel.

No civilian or fire personnel injuries were reported. The damage to the contents inside the store is unreported, but it could be substantial depending on what materials can be salvaged for sale. There was no damage to the building valued at approximately \$2 million or more. The cause of the fire is undetermined and under investigation and the fire department is working with the Visalia Police Department on the investigation.

Approved By: Darrin Hughes, Battalion Chief