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 Brent Jacobs, an emergency medical technician with American Medical Response, gives oxygen to one of two dogs rescued from a garage during a house fire on Pinot Noir Drive on Monday, Feb. 14, 2011. The dog was pulled from the smoke-filled garage, struggling to breathe and foaming from the mouth.



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By **Fernando Gallo**
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A morning attic fire went unnoticed by the woman inside the house Monday, until a concerned citizen intervened.

Homeowner Silvia Isordia said she was taking her 6-year-old son to school when a fire started in her attic in the 1000 block of Pinot Noir Drive, and only her 22-year-old daughter was home. Because the fire was in the attic, Isordia's daughter did not know there was a problem because the inside of the home was clear of smoke. She became aware of the fire when a stranger knocked on the door and informed her that flames and smoke were visible from the outside.

"We don't even know who it was," Isordia said. "It was just someone who was driving

by."

Isordia's daughter evacuated safely, but the family's two Chihuahuas were trapped inside the garage. The dogs were ultimately rescued by fire crews. One of the dogs was treated with an oxygen mask by a paramedic on the scene, Lodi Fire Battalion Chief George Juelch said, and both dogs were fine.

Juelch said the department believes a breach in the flume that connects to a wood-burning stove caused the fire. Isordia said the stove was being used to heat the home.

The fire department received the emergency call for the fire at 8:28 a.m., Juelch said.

Although the fire affected the attic primarily, the rest of the house did not escape unscathed. Juelch said there was extensive water damage from pipes that had the soldering at their joints melt, as well as ceiling damage. Holes had to be cut in the ceiling for ventilation purposes.

The house will require significant renovation, but probably won't have to be torn down, Juelch said. Isordia said she and her family are staying in a hotel courtesy of their insurance company until a temporary residence is found.

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