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# Firefighters perform artificial respiration on cat

Firefighters rescue cat from home after fire breaks out in kitchen of Laguna Woods home.

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LAGUNA WOODS – Firefighters resuscitated a cat after responding to a fire on Via Serena, officials said.

About 20 firefighters responded to the fire at the 3000 block of Via Serena just after 3 p.m. Wednesday, after neighbors reported seeing smoke coming from the home, said Capt. Marc Stone of the Orange County Fire Authority.

Firefighters went inside the home to search for a person that was believed to be inside, but the resident had gotten out of the home through a back door, Stone said. As firefighters searched the home, they found a cat that was unresponsive.

"The cat wasn't doing so well," he said.

Firefighters began to perform artificial respiration and the cat began to breathe on its own, Stone said. It was returned to its owner.

The fire, which is believed to have started in the kitchen of the home, caused about \$70,000 in damages, he said. The cause is still under investigation.

Three other suites were damaged in the fire, and a second resident was displaced because of smoke damage, he said.

Besides the cat, no other injuries were reported.

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