



SALEM FIRE-EMS NEWS RELEASE

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STRUCTURE FIRE AT 314 UNION STREET

The Salem Fire & EMS Department responded to a structure fire at 314 Union St. this morning at approximately 11:13 a.m. The building was evacuated when fire crews arrived and no one was injured during the fire.

The first units arrived within three minutes of receiving the call and found flames and smoke coming from the front of the building. The fire was brought under control within eight minutes, and damage from the fire was limited to the front part of the building.

Approximately 15 personnel from the Salem Fire & EMS Department (Engine 1, Engine 3, Tower 1 and Medic 803) responded to the call.

The Salem Fire & EMS Department's Fire Marshal's office has ruled the fire accidental. The fire began on the front porch of the building and extended into the attic. Damage from the fire was limited to the porch and two interior rooms and is estimated to be under \$20,000. The Red Cross is currently assisting residents with accommodations.

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