



SALEM FIRE-EMS NEWS RELEASE

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STRUCTURE FIRE AT 603 HIGH ST.

The Salem Fire & EMS Department responded to a structure fire at 603 High St. this morning at approximately 2:08 a.m. Two residents were home at the time of the fire and were able to escape without injury

The first unit arrived within six minutes of receiving the call and found smoke and flames coming from the attic area. Interior crews found a significant amount of fire in the attic and were able to contain the fire to that area. The fire was extinguished within 15 minutes of the arrival of the first unit, but the structure did sustain heavy smoke and water damage.

Approximately 27 personnel from the Salem Fire & EMS Department (Engine 1, Engine 2, Engine 3, Tower 1, Medic 802, and Medic 803), Salem Rescue Squad (Squad 1) and Roanoke County Fire & Rescue Department (Wagon 9 & Air 9) responded to the call.

The Salem Fire & EMS Department's Fire Marshal's office has ruled the fire accidental. The fire was determined to have been caused by an electrical problem in an attic fan. Damage from the fire is estimated to be approximately \$100,000. The residents of the home stayed with neighbors for the night.

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