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To: The Media

From: Karen Lindsay, Nanaimo Fire Rescue

Re: Crews tackle early evening blaze on Townsite Road

On Monday evening at 9:32pm Nanaimo Fire Rescue Crews were kept busy as they were dispatched to a second suspicious structure fire within a one week time frame.

Upon arrival at the Townsite location, Nanaimo Fire Rescue crews were confronted with heavy smoke and flames coming from a two story residential dwelling located in the 700 block of Townsite Road. 14 career personnel were initially committed along with three engines. Incident Command initiated an offensive fire attack and quickly controlled the fire to prevent it from further spreading. There were no injuries to firefighters as a result of the blaze.

Nanaimo Fire Rescue Crews searched the premise to find that the home was unoccupied and appeared to be vacant in that there were no contents present. Smoke, water and fire damage to the house was extensive and the home is no longer habitable.

Nanaimo Fire Rescue secured the structure that evening and a Fire Prevention Officer began to investigate the cause of the fire. Based on the investigation and due to the fact that the home was vacant and with no possessions, the fire has been deemed suspicious. Evidence and information has been turned over to the RCMP for further investigation and follow up.

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For more information about the investigation contact Captain Doug Bell , 250-268-2108