NEWS RELEASE

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Fire Sends One Patient to Hospital

Fire Crews Rescue Young Boy

Summary

At 0317 am Nanaimo Fire Crews (NFR) responded to a structure fire in the 300 block Albert Street. RCMP members were first on scene as they were driving by, saw the fire, and made an effort to get in as they were advised there was a child inside, but were unable as the home was fully engulfed.

Upon arrival by NFR crews 2 Firefighters entered the premise, initiated a search and rescued a young boy. Resuscitation efforts on the young boy occurred on scene by Nanaimo Fire Rescue and BCAS, he was stabilized and immediately taken to NRGH. Crews fought the fire for approximately one hour and Fire Loss Prevention Division is currently on scene conducting an investigation.

Eight people, 2 adults and 6 children resided in the building in a second floor apartment with a retail business on the main floor. At the time of the fire one of the children were at another location. All other residents were accounted for and did not have injuries. They are being assisted by the City of Nanaimo Community Assistance Program and RCMP Victim Services.

Strategic Link: The City of Nanaimo is committed to Public Safety.

Key Points

- NFR Crews responded to a structure fire on the 300 block Albert Street.
- Crews rescued a young boy from the fully engulfed home and he was sent to NRGH
- 8 people displaced from home and currently being assisted by the City of Nanaimo Community Assistance Program and RCMP Victim Services.

Quotes

"The combined efforts by Nanaimo Fire Rescue, RCMP and BCAS allowed for a rapid response. Fires crews entered a fully engulfed building to rescue the young child and should be commended for their actions."

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