

NEWS RELEASE

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Fire investigation concludes for 361 Albert St. structure fire

Summary

The investigation of the November 29, 2014 structure fire at 361 Albert Street is now complete. The following results have been reported to the BC Coroners Service.

Nanaimo Fire Rescue Department fire investigators and an independent private fire investigator have concluded that the fire originated in an upholstered chair in the main living room of the residence. The exact cause of the fire is undetermined due to the intensity of the fire in the area of origin. A hard-wired smoke alarm was present in the home, however the breaker was found to be shut off at the electrical panel.

Strategic Link: The City of Nanaimo is committed to public safety.

Key Points

- The fire investigation is complete.
- The origin of the fire was an upholstered chair in the living room.
- The exact cause is undetermined due to the intensity of the fire.
- Residents are encouraged to test their smoke alarms at least twice a year.

Quotes

"As Christmas approaches, Nanaimo Fire Rescue wants to remind residents to test smoke alarms and be safe throughout the holiday season."

Craig Richardson
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