

NEWS RELEASE

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Smoke alarm alerts residents in early morning fire

Summary

An early morning fire on August 1, 2017 forced five residents from their home on Beach Dr. Nanaimo Fire crews quickly contained the fire and limited the amount of damage to the residence. The smoke alarm in the home notified the occupants of the fire while they were sleeping and allowed them time to exit and call 9-1-1. Two men were treated on scene for smoke inhalation by BC ambulance but were not transported to hospital. Fire investigators will be on scene this morning to determine the cause of the fire.

Strategic Link: Nanaimo Fire Rescue is committed to public safety and reducing the harm and impact resulting from structure fires.

Key Points

- Smoke alarms notified the residents of the fire giving them enough time to safely exit the home.
- Emergency Social Services will assist the occupants with their displacement.
- The fire is currently under investigation, no cause has been determined at this time.

Quotes

"Once again, we know that working smoke alarms save lives. This fire occurred in the early morning hours as the occupants slept. We encourage all residents to check their alarms and if they are over 10 years old or are not working, to replace them."

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