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Early warning by security systems save two homes

Working smoke alarms save homes and occupants

Summary

City of Nanaimo Fire Rescue is emphasizing the importance of working smoke alarms after two homes in the Westwood and Hillside neighbourhoods of Nanaimo were saved thanks to having working smoke alarms installed. An early warning was provided to occupants of the homes through smoke detectors tied to the homes security systems.

Occupants were also alerted and evacuated as a result of working smoke alarms. Nanaimo Fire crews were able to extinguish fires early before serious damage to both homes could occur. As a result, families in both homes were able to return to their homes without the need to relocate.

For more information on installing and maintaining a smoke alarm in your home, please contact Nanaimo Fire Rescue at 250-753-7311 or fireinfo@nanaimo.ca.

Strategic Link: Working smoke alarms save homes and occupants from serious harm

Key Points

- Working smoke alarms and monitored security systems save lives and property.
- Fire crews were able to save two homes in the Westwood and Hillside neighbourhoods from serious damage due to early warning provided by working smoke alarms and monitored security systems.

Quotes

"Fire crews were able to extinguish fires before fire growth and serious damage to homes could occur due to early warning provided by monitored security systems and working smoke alarms."

Alan Millbank
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Quick Facts

- The value of both homes exceeded \$1,000,000 in structure and contents replacement costs.

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