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Afternoon Fire Claims Life of Roanoke County Woman

December 9, 2008 (ROANOKE COUNTY) – Roanoke County Fire and Rescue was dispatched to the 3400 block of Bunker Hill Drive around 2:15 this afternoon for a reported structure fire.

When fire crews arrived they found heavy smoke coming from the single story home. Initial reports indicated an elderly couple might live in the home.

Firefighters were unable to access the home through the front door because of a collapsing floor, so they entered through a side door where they found a woman lying on the kitchen floor unconscious with burns. CPR was performed on the woman and she was transported to a local hospital where she was later pronounced dead. Her name is not being released at this time.

Crews were able to mark the fire under control in about a half hour. The rest of the home was searched and no one was found.

Fire investigators are on scene trying to determine what caused this fire.

A neighbor called 9-1-1 to report seeing smoke coming from the home.

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