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Afternoon Fire Displaces Family of Three

November 25, 2008 (ROANOKE COUNTY) – Roanoke County Fire & Rescue Department was dispatched to the 5900 block of Old Mountain Road this afternoon around 1:30.

As crews approached the home they could see heavy smoke showing and upon arrival they found a single story, cedar sided home with flames coming from the chimney and roof. The wind helped to spread the fire across the roofline quickly and within about ten minutes the incident commander was calling for an emergency evacuation of the firefighters battling the fire from within the house, afraid it might collapse on top them.

Crews from the Hollins and Vinton stations responded to the fire along with a Roanoke City crew. It took crews about an hour and a half to get the fire under control.

This house is considered a total loss. The roof has burned off completely leaving heavy fire damage to the entire first floor and basement. The man and his two sons who lived here were not home at the time the fire started. Their dog was outside and is accounted for and their cat is missing at this time. The family is displaced, but has a place to stay.

Several people called 9-1-1 to report seeing smoke and flames coming from a house on Read Mountain.

Fire investigators are on scene and will begin their investigation when the charred debris cools down.

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