



# **Roanoke County Fire & Rescue Department News Release**

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## **Vinton Church Fire Under Investigation**

March 11, 2009 (ROANOKE COUNTY) – The Roanoke County Fire Marshal’s office is working with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) to try and determine what caused the fire that occurred late last night in a Vinton Church.

Investigators from both agencies plan to be on scene throughout the day digging through the charred debris in hopes of finding out exactly where and how the fire started. It is standard practice to notify and work together with the ATF when there is a church fire.

Roanoke County Fire and Rescue was dispatched to the 600 block of Vale Avenue in Vinton about 10 p.m. for a reported structure fire. When fire crews arrived, they found smoke showing from the eaves of the New Beginning Baptist Church. Firefighters entered the building and extinguish the flames coming from the back of the sanctuary in about 10 minutes. The sanctuary did sustain significant fire damage though.

A man at the scene suffered injuries and was transported to RMH where he was treated and released. A volunteer firefighter was treated on scene for minor smoke inhalation.

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