



Roanoke County Fire & Rescue Department News Release

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Fire Damages Home in Roanoke County Early Sunday Morning *Three Adults escape without injury after smoke alarm sounds*

April 19, 2009 (ROANOKE COUNTY) -- Fire Investigators have determined that improperly discarded smoking material on a back deck started a fire early this morning in North Roanoke County.

Roanoke County Fire & Rescue Department was dispatched to the 5500 block of Deer Park Drive for a reported structure fire around 5 a.m.. When fire crews arrived they found flames coming from the back of a single story ranch home. Firefighters from the Hollins and Masons Cove stations extinguished the flames in about 20 minutes. Roanoke Fire-EMS assisted with fire suppression efforts. The blaze caused heavy fire damage throughout the first floor and moderate smoke and water damage to the basement area.

There were two adult males and one adult female home at the time of the fire and all escaped without injury. The smoke detector sounded and alerted the residents to the fire. One dog also escaped without injury.

Damage estimates are figured to be \$120,000.

The Fire Marshal would like to remind citizens to discard smoking material safely. Always use deep, non-combustible ashtrays. Never use a container not meant for ashes or cigarette butts as an ashtray.

Roanoke County Fire and Rescue Department is committed to providing quality fire and emergency medical services to the citizens and visitors of Roanoke County, Virginia. We are a combination department with both career and volunteer personnel operating out of 12 stations and one administrative office.