



Roanoke County Fire & Rescue Department News Release

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Starlight Lane House Fire Accidental

May 7, 2009 (ROANOKE COUNTY) -- The Roanoke County Fire Marshal has determined the blaze that destroyed a home last weekend on Starlight Lane was accidental.

Investigators were able to determine the fire started from a floor fan near the front door of the house. Flames and smoke then spread throughout the front room causing the smoke detector to sound and wake one of the three sleeping occupants. All three occupants were able to escape without injury. Red Cross is assisting the family.

The house is considered a total loss.

Roanoke County Fire & Rescue was dispatched to the 8000 block of Starlight Lane for a structure fire around 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 2. When fire crews arrived, they found heavy smoke and flames coming from the left side of a wood framed single story house. It took career and volunteer fire crews from the Clearbrook, Cave Spring and Vinton stations about an hour to get the blaze under control.

The family's two cats had not been found at the time the investigation was completed

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.