



News Release

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Williamson Road Fire

(Roanoke County, VA—May 10, 2019) Roanoke County Fire & Rescue units responded to an explosion Friday morning at 6:30 at a restaurant in the 6400 block of Williamson Road. Approximately 12 employees, customers and a delivery person were inside but not in the area of the explosion. Everyone made it out safely and there were no injuries. Preliminary findings show the cause to be a natural gas leak in the mechanical room which then was ignited by an ignition source. The Roanoke County Fire Marshal's Office has determined the estimated damage to be \$250,000.00. The investigation is ongoing. It is unknown when the restaurant might reopen due to the extent of the damage. Units from Hollins, Cave Spring and Roanoke City responded.

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