



# Arvada Fire Protection District

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## Fire Displaces Family

ARVADA – Arvada fire crews responded to a report of a garage fire at 6888 Newman Street at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 27, 2007. Callers to Arvada Fire's Dispatch Center reported the garage fire and also hearing explosions from the garage. The first fire engine arrived on scene at 6:32 p.m. and the fire was declared out at 6:43 p.m. Fire damage was contained to the garage and a car that was parked in the driveway. The interior of the house sustained smoke damage. The family dog suffered from smoke inhalation and was brought out of the house and given oxygen through a pet oxygen mask. An Arvada Animal Control officer transported the dog to a local veterinarian hospital where the dog later perished. There were no homeowner or firefighter injuries.

The cause of the fire was determined to be spontaneous combustion from discarded oily rags. The estimated damage to the home and contents was set at \$60,000.

**SAFETY TIP:** The safest way to store oily rags is to lay them flat in an open area to let them dry before discarding or storing them. If you do not have the time for the rags to dry before storing them, you may place the oily rags in an air-tight container with a lid until they have had time to dry out.