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#### Fire Damages Residence

ARVADA – The Arvada Fire Department responded to reports of a house fire at 7401 W. 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Arvada on March 11, 2009. Initial calls were received at 10:42 am. First arriving fire crews found heavy smoke and some fire coming from all sides of the home.

The fire was declared under control at 11:06 am. An “all-clear” of the residence was also given.

There were no civilian or fire fighter injuries but the house cat did die in this fire. The two residents that are displaced state that they will stay with family and friends.

The cause of this fire is still under investigation.

**SAFETY MESSAGE:** With the recent time change, now is a good time to change your smoke alarm batteries including most “hard-wired” alarms that have a battery for backup. Working smoke alarms are one of your best lines of defense when it comes to fire safety.

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