



Arvada Fire Protection District

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Fire Displaces Two Residents and Two Dogs

ARVADA –Arvada fire fighters responded to a house fire at 11:52 p.m. on July 20, 2011 at 7716 Everett Street. When they arrived, fire crews found heavy fire on the back of the home. The two residents and their two dogs had safely evacuated. It took fire fighters approximately 20 minutes to put the fire out.

While most of the fire damage was on the outside of the house, there was some damage to the inside of the home as well.

The cause of the fire is still undetermined.

SAFETY MESSAGE – When planning your home escape plan, make sure that you have a safe meeting place outside of the home on the same side of the street as your house. A safe meeting place will allow your family to get back together after leaving the home from different exits. Be sure to practice this plan at least once a year and to include reasonable accommodations for your pets.

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UPDATE: July 21, 2011, 10:30 a.m. – The Arvada Fire Marshal's office has determined that careless smoking was the cause of last night's house fire. Approximately one-third of the home suffered fire, heat, and smoke damage.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, smoking material fires are the 3rd leading cause of fires in the U.S. and the leading cause of fatal fires. If you smoke, make sure that you properly discard the butt and cool the ashes before discarding them.

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