



SALEM FIRE-EMS NEWS RELEASE

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STRUCTURE FIRE AT 3164 GOLF COLONY DR.

The Salem Fire & EMS Department responded to a structure fire at 3164 Golf Colony Dr. this morning, at approximately 8:25 a.m. The building was unoccupied and no one was injured during the fire.

The first units arrived within nine minutes of receiving the call and found heavy smoke coming from the eaves of the building. Crews found fire in the basement and the first floor of the structure, and contained the fire to one room in the basement and one room on the first floor.

Approximately 17 personnel from the Salem Fire & EMS Department (Engine 1, Engine 2, Engine 3, Medic 801 & Medic 803) and the Salem Rescue Squad (Squad 1) responded to the call. Roanoke Fire & EMS Department Engine 13 provided staffing to cover additional calls.

The Salem Fire Marshal's Office has ruled that the fire started in an electrical panel located in the basement and that it was accidental. Although the fire was limited to the two rooms, the whole residence did sustain extensive smoke damage and the damage estimate from the fire is approximately \$40,000.

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