



# SALEM FIRE-EMS NEWS RELEASE

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## STRUCTURE FIRE AT 733 CRAIG AVE.

The Salem Fire & EMS Department responded to a structure fire at 733 Craig Ave., Monday morning at 11:39 a.m. One occupant was at home at the time of the fire, and she was able to escape with only minor injury. The occupant was treated on the scene by EMS personnel and was transported by family for further evaluation. There was also one minor injury to a member of Salem Fire-EMS department.

The first units arrived within four minutes of receiving the call and found a heavy amount of fire and smoke coming from the first floor of a two story structure. Firefighters were able to bring the fire under control within 20 minutes of their arrival. The fire appears to have started in a first floor bathroom.

Approximately 25 personnel from the Salem Fire & EMS Department and the Salem Rescue Squad responded to the call. The Roanoke County Fire & Rescue Department Company 9 (Ft. Lewis) provided an engine to stand by while Salem Fire & EMS crews were on the structure fire.

The structure sustained moderate to heavy damage from the fire and the cause remains under investigation by the Salem Fire & EMS Fire Marshal's Office. There is no estimate on the amount of damage at this time.

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