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Four people need support after Sunday evening fire

People who lost their home and belongings earlier this week are seeking longer-term shelter and support.

The occupants of the home received food, lodging and clothes for 72 hours under the Provincial Personal Disaster Assistant Program administrated by Campbell River Emergency Support Services volunteers.

The Canadian Red Cross is now working to assist.

The fire in the 800-block of Greenwood occurred the evening of Jan. 17.

“When fire crews responded to calls about the fire at 4:45 p.m., flames were showing through a window of the street side, and the fire was burning in the front half of the second floor of the two-storey home,” says fire chief Ian Baikie. “Crews extinguished the fire, and damage to the attic and living space on the street side of the second floor was significant. The entire dwelling is affected by smoke damage and considered uninhabitable at this point.”

Two people were transported to hospital for treatment of smoke inhalation, and a dog died in the smoke-filled building.

A total of four people are looking for a temporary home after being displaced by the fire.

The cause of the fire is believed to be accidental, and the homeowner had no insurance.

“We want to emphasize how important it was that the occupants were fortunate to have been alerted to the fire by a smoke alarm before it blocked their exit,” the fire chief adds.

The Fire Department required five fire-fighting vehicles and 25 crew members to extinguish the fire and prevent it from spreading to neighbouring homes.

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