



## News Release

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### **Structural fire causes extensive damage to home**

One person was transported to hospital due to smoke inhalation, and an entire home in the 700 block of Gemsbok Drive sustained extensive damage after a fire Wednesday.

When the Campbell River Fire Department responded to a call about smoke in a building at 3:45 p.m. on Mar. 27, the first crews on the scene found the building charged with thick black smoke, and a fire burning in a first-storey room of the two-storey home.

*“Crews extinguished the fire, and managed to confine the fire damage to a single room, but smoke and heat damage was extensive to the entire home,”* explains Fire Chief Ian Baikie.

Damage costs are expected to exceed \$30,000, and the residents will not be able to occupy the home for some time, Baikie adds.

The cause of the fire appears to have been a candle burning in the downstairs room.

The fire department had three trucks and a crew of 17 in attendance to deal with this event.

The resident was transported to hospital for medical evaluation.

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