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### **Fire Destroys Mobile Home**

Three people were treated for smoke inhalation and a mobile home was destroyed in a fire on February 7.

*“Three tenants were home asleep at the time of the fire and are extremely fortunate to have escaped as there was no working smoke alarm in the mobile home,”* says Deputy Fire Chief Thomas Doherty.

*“We’re told one of the tenants awoke to the sound of crackling coming from the kitchen area and, on investigation, he found heavy smoke throughout the mobile home, and fire spreading through the kitchen. The tenant quickly alerted the other two occupants and tried to extinguish the fire, but the flames were too intense,”* the Deputy Chief reports.

Campbell River Fire Rescue received the call of a fire at 3120 Island Highway at 10:46 p.m. On arrival crews were met with heavy smoke and fire coming from a single-wide trailer.

*“A quick response by fire crews quickly knocked down and contained the fire to the one trailer, but the damage was extensive,”* Doherty says.

The three occupants were transported to hospital by BC Ambulance Service for smoke inhalation and were later released.

The cause of the fire is under investigation and does not appear to be suspicious. The incident required 17 fire fighters as well as one fire engine, one ladder truck, one rescue truck and two support units to extinguish the fire and prevent it from spreading.

*“This fire is a reminder of the importance of having a working smoke alarm in your home,”* Doherty concludes. *“Early detection and notification of fire is your best chance of survival in a situation such as this.”*

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