



News Release

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Nursery Road house fire sends three to hospital for smoke inhalation, displaces family

Three people were sent to hospital due to smoke inhalation and a family has been displaced due to a house fire in the 600-block of Nursery Road on June 20.

“Shortly after 9 p.m., the Campbell River Fire Department responded to a report of a fire in a residence. There were four people in the home when the fire started, including two people in wheelchairs and one young child,” says deputy fire chief Thomas Doherty. *“The quick action by the young child who alerted others of the fire was instrumental in all occupants escaping safely.”*

Doherty also praises bystanders, who helped limit the spread of fire by using a garden hose to try to douse flames through a window until fire fighters arrived.

Fire fighters contained the fire to one room, and were able to save and retrieve critical medical equipment and supplies from the home for one of the occupants.

“But the smoke damaged the entire home, rendering it uninhabitable,” Doherty says.

Emergency Support Services attended the scene to assist with the displaced family.

Doherty says the home had a working smoke alarm, which is extremely critical in providing early detection of fire to occupants.

“A working smoke alarm is your best chance of escaping a fire,” Doherty adds.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

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