



City of Madison Fire Department

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House Fire Displaces Three and Causes \$150,000 Damage

A fire caused \$150,000 damage to a home at 2609 Dunwoody Drive this morning. Three people were displaced by the fire and are being assisted by the Badger Chapter of the American Red Cross. One person was in the home at the time of the fire and escaped safely after he heard the smoke alarms sounding.

Madison Firefighters responded to the call at 9:42 AM and found smoke showing from the front of the house when they arrived. While one fire crew went inside to attack the flames, others performed ventilation to remove smoke and heat from the building. The house was searched, room-by-room, to insure that everyone had safely evacuated. Crews had the fire under control in less than ten minutes of the dispatch.

No injuries were reported at the fire scene and the cause is under investigation.

The occupant who was in the house at the time of the fire is safe because of working smoke alarms. When he heard the alarm he left via the nearest exit and called the fire department from a safe location outside.

- Smoke alarms must be installed on every level of the home, in each bedroom, and outside each bedroom. Interconnected smoke alarms will make sure the alarm is heard throughout the home.
- Smoke alarms must be tested every month to make sure they are working.
- Every home must have an escape plan.
- Your escape plan must be practiced – have a home fire drill to make sure everyone knows how to get out safely.
- If you hear a smoke alarm, get out and stay out.
- After you have escaped, call 9-1-1 from a safe place.
- Never go back inside the building for any reason.

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