

Press Release

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Investigators Release Cause of Dacono Structure Fire

Fire investigators have ruled yesterday's house fire in Dacono as accidental citing careless use of a flammable liquid.

Jesse Hodgson of the Mountain View Fire Protection District says that the male occupant was using flammable liquids inside the living room area of the home when a fire broke out and quickly spread throughout the entire residence.

Firefighters were called to the home at 1025 Glen Dale Circle in Dacono at 1:23 pm Monday afternoon for a report of a structure fire. When they arrived they found a fully involved home and the residents in the back yard trying to fight the fire with a garden hose.

An officer from the Dacono Police Department arrived seconds before firefighters and tried to evacuate both the residents from the back yard. In doing so, the wind changed directions and all three were overcome with smoke. The two residents and the officer were transported by ambulance to area hospitals for evaluation where both the officer and male occupant were treated and released. The condition of the female was classified by fire crews as potentially serious and her condition is unknown at this time.

"The home had several void spaces and the addition of a flammable liquid helped to quickly spread the fire" said Jesse Hodgson, the spokesman for Mountain View Fire.

"The fire was fought primarily from the exterior initially because of the extension of fire through the roof, front and back of the house, making for an unknown structural stability issue and an unsafe situation for fire personnel. The fact that all occupants were accounted for added to the fact that it was initially unnecessary to enter the structure until the stability issue could be assessed" Hodgson continued.

In addition, Hodgson says obstacles and exposures in both the front and back yards of the home, including vehicles, initially hampered firefighting efforts

The occupants did not have insurance and the American Red Cross is assisting the family with temporary shelter and other immediate necessities such as food and clothing.