



SALEM FIRE-EMS NEWS RELEASE

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STRUCTURE FIRE AT 439 MOUNT VERNON AVE.

The Salem Fire & EMS Department responded to a structure fire at 439 Mount Vernon Ave. Tuesday night at approximately 10:46 p.m. There were six people inside the structure at the time of the fire and all occupants were able to escape without injury.

The first units arrived within five minutes of receiving the call and found heavy fire and smoke coming from the building. The structure received a significant amount of damage, and it took crews approximately 45 minutes to bring the fire under control. High winds made the fire more difficult to contain.

Approximately 24 personnel from the Salem Fire & EMS Department (Engine 1, Engine 2, Engine 3, & Tower 1), the Salem Rescue Squad (Squad 1 & Medic 1-54) and Roanoke County Fire & Rescue (Tanker 9 & Air 9) responded to the call. Roanoke County Fire & Rescue (Wagon 10) stood by and covered additional emergency calls for the City of Salem.

The fire remains under investigation by the Salem Fire & EMS Fire Marshal's Office, and there is no damage estimate at this time. The home did receive major fire and smoke damage. The Red Cross is currently assisting the residents with their needs.

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