



# SALEM FIRE-EMS NEWS RELEASE

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## STRUCTURE FIRE AT 729 ROANOKE ST. SALEM STORAGE

The Salem Fire & EMS Department responded to a structure fire at 729 Roanoke St. this afternoon at approximately 1:38 p.m. Firefighters were initially dispatched for a fire in a dumpster near a structure, but when units arrived they found that the fire had extended into the attic of the building.

The first unit arrived within five minutes of receiving the call and found heavy smoke coming from the attic area. It took firefighters approximately 23 minutes to contain the blaze. Firefighters were able to contain the fire to the attic and keep it from spreading through the rest of the building. No one was at the facility at the time of the fire and there were no injuries.

Approximately 17 personnel from the Salem Fire & EMS Department (Engine 1, Engine 2, Engine 3, Tower 1 & Medic 803) responded to the call. Roanoke County Fire & Rescue (Wagon 9) stood by and covered additional emergency calls for the City of Salem.

The fire remains under investigation by the Salem Fire Marshal's Office, and at this time there is no damage estimate.

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