

House fire near Cheltenham under investigation

Damage is estimated at \$30,000 after a house fire south of Cheltenham Friday night.

Caledon Fire and Emergency Services reports they were sent out at about 11:45 p.m. to the location on Creditview Road, south of King Street.

Upon arrival, firefighters found a detached two-storey home and confirmed there was a fire in the ground floor living room in the area of the wood stove. Four occupants of the home were accounted for.

Crews, using hand lines, commenced an offensive fire attack. The fire was struck out within 10 minutes of crews arriving on scene.

All four occupants, one adult female and three children were transported to Brampton Civic Hospital for minor smoke inhalation.

Six fire vehicles and approximately 26 fire fighters were on scene.

The home did have working smoke alarms which alerted the occupants to the fire.

The cause of the fire is under investigation. Crews from Cheltenham, Inglewood and Snelgrove Fire Stations responded, as did Caledon OPP and Peel EMS.

Caledon Fire and Emergency Services would like to remind all residents that working smoke alarms will alert them to a fire in the home, but to safely escape everyone must know what to do when the alarm sounds. In a fire, every second counts. It is critical to have a home escape plan in place and to practise it. Residents must develop a plan that will allow everyone to safely escape.

Planning, discussing and practising the plan are essential. Each person must know the actions to take when the smoke alarm sounds.

Consideration must be given to who will be responsible for young children or other persons who may require assistance. Caledon residents are encouraged to download a Home Escape Plan Template from the Town website at www.caledon.ca/fireprevention