

## Serious injury in Boxing Day house fire on Bramalea Road

Caledon Fire and Emergency Services reports one person was sent to hospital with serious injuries from smoke inhalation after a fire at a house on Bramalea Road early last Thursday.

This was one of two house fires reported in town last week.

The fire department reports crews were called out to the location on Bramalea, north of King Street, shortly after 12:30 a.m. after receiving a 9-1-1 call. The caller had said flames were visible, but wasn't sure if anyone was at home.

Upon arrival, they found a two-storey house was heavily involved with a working fire. They started a defensive fire attack and initiated a rural water shuttle operation. Crews removed puppy from the porch area and applied a pet respirator. An animal control officer was on the scene and took the dog to a local 24 hour veterinary hospital with smoke inhalation and burns.

Crews utilized several large hand lines to control the fire, and worked tirelessly throughout the night in adverse weather to bring the fire under control at about 4 a.m.

Crews from the stations in Caledon East, Valleywood, Bolton, Inglewood, Cheltenham Mono Mills and Caledon village responded, as did Caledon OPP, Hydro One, Caledon Animal Control, Ontario Fire Marshal and Peel EMS.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation by the Fire Marshal.

Damage is estimated at \$450,000.

The other fire was reported shortly before noon last Monday (Dec. 23) at a house on The Gore Road, north of Mayfield Road.

Crews from the Bolton station were updated on the way that there was smoke visible from the roof and the caller could hear screaming coming from the house. Upon arrival, they found heavy smoke coming from the bungalow.

Crews started an offensive fire attack, securing a municipal water supply. They briefly withdrew from the inside of the house because of heavy smoke and flames in the attic. Once outside, the structure was ventilated and access was gained to the main body of fire. Once the fire was knocked down, crews re-entered the structure to initiate a primary search and latter conducted salvage and overhaul operations.

Firefighters from the Bolton, Caledon East and Valleywood stations responded, as did Caledon OPP, Hydro One, Enbridge Gas and Peel EMS.

No injuries were reported, and the occupants were given shelter by their neighbours.

The cause is under investigation.

Damage is estimated at \$400,000.