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Updated: Beebe Road Fire Still Under Investigation

At 12:36 p.m. Wednesday, a caller contacted 9-1-1 to report heavy smoke coming from the back of a home located at 477 Beebe Road in Central Point.

Jackson County Fire District 3 and Medford Fire-Rescue firefighters responded to the second alarm fire. Central Point Station were the first on scene and found the back of the house heavily involved in fire.

Crews worked quickly to insure all three occupants of the house had evacuated. Once completed, firefighters started an aggressive interior attack of the fire. When the fire was extinguished, salvage and overhaul work began.

The female occupant in the house said she was first alerted to the fire due to the smell of smoke. While exiting the bedroom, she was met by a large plume of smoke coming from the adjoining apartment. The occupant quickly alerted the second resident and evacuated her child to safety.

The home suffered significant damage and is uninhabitable. Red Cross is currently assisting the family.

Late last evening, new evidence about the fire was exposed when continuing investigation efforts. According to the deputy fire marshal, the investigation is ongoing and there are no updates available at this time.

Approximately 25 firefighters, three chiefs, two deputy fire marshals and six Central Point Police Officers were working at the scene of the fire.

The home was outfitted with two smoke alarms; however, they were nonoperational and were unable to provide early notification. Please remember that residents are four times more likely to survive a fire with proper working smoke alarms. If you live within Jackson County Fire District 3 service area and are in need of a smoke alarm, please call 541-831-2778.

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