ROARING FORK FIRE RESCUE

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Frying Pan Road Structure Fire

Basalt, Colorado – February 5, 2024, 12:00 p.m.

On February 4, 2024 at 6:21 p.m. Roaring Fork Fire Rescue Authority (RFFRA) was dispatched to a reported structure fire at 5352 Frying Pan Road in Basalt. Initial dispatch information indicated the "fireplace started on fire" and active flames were observed. Further updates advised 10-15% of the house was on fire, 6-foot flames were located next to the chimney, someone was on the roof attempting to extinguish the fire with a garden hose, and all occupants had safely evacuated. RFFRA apparatus and personnel responded immediately and were on the scene within 11 minutes.

The first arriving unit reported a two-story single-family home with a chimney fire that had extended to the roof. The fire had already self-vented. Crews began aggressive offensive operations and contained the fire to the home, preventing extension to adjacent unattached garage. Multiple apparatus and personnel from RFFRA responded with two engines, two tenders, one ladder truck, two ambulances, and four command vehicles. Mutual aid resources from Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District responded to the scene with an engine. Aspen Ambulance District, Aspen Fire Protection District, and Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District provided standby coverage during the incident. Eagle County Sheriff's Department also responded and provided assistance. During the incident Frying Pan Road was closed for firefighter safety and multiple apparatus staged on the roadway.

The cause of the fire is under investigation by Roaring Fork Fire Rescue Authority. No injuries were reported. The home sustained extensive damage and is uninhabitable. The majority of the contents are a total loss due to smoke and water damage.

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