

On March 6, 2024 at 9:42 a.m. Roaring Fork Fire Rescue was paged to a structure fire at 230 Carriage Way, Snowmass Village, the Willows Condominiums. Upon arrival crews were met with heavy smoke coming from the attic and eaves. Roaring Fork Fire Rescue called for additional resources due to the type of building and fire behavior.^[1]

Firefighters fought the fire for approximately one hour before they moved to a defensive attack due to the risk of the roof failing. Crews were able to prevent fire spread to other nearby condominiums with the fire attack.

The reporting party was able to evacuate all of their neighbors and fire personnel subsequently evacuated near-by structures for safety.

“When crews arrived on scene they encountered heavy fire from the structure,” said Incident Commander Jessica Waltenburg. “They made a quick attack from both Roaring Fork Fire Rescue personnel and our neighbors from up and down the valley. We appreciate their fast response and actions to help us minimize additional loss.”

Crews expect to be on scene of this fire late into the evening. It is also expected that the road will be closed for at least that amount of time.

The fire is being investigated Roaring Fork Fire Rescue’s fire marshals. No loss amount has been determined at this time, but the structure is uninhabitable. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries.

There were 47 responders were on scene. There were 5 fire engines, 2 ladder trucks, 1 rescue truck, ambulances and command vehicles. Other responding units include Aspen Fire Protection District, Aspen Ambulance, Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District, Glenwood Springs Fire Department, Snowmass Village Police Department, Town of Snowmass Village, Snowmass Water & Sanitation District, Pitkin County Sheriff’s Office, Western Colorado Red Cross and the Aspen Hope Center.
