



Township of Stirling-Rawdon Fire Department

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Press Release:

For immediate release

Thursday February 2 2012:

The Stirling-Rawdon Fire Dept. was dispatched to a Salem Rd residence on Wed Feb 1 2012 to the report of a residential structure fire. 28 members of SRFD, attended with the assistance of Center Hastings Fire Stat. #1, Marmora and Lake Fire and Quinte West Sta.#4 who all provided additional tankers for water shuttle. Upon arrival smoke was observed coming from the residence. Quick and decisive action by the firefighters contained the fire to the immediate area of origin. It was determined that this started as a direct result of a wood burning appliance. The occupants awoke to find the bedroom filling with smoke and they were able to escape without injury. There were no working smoke alarms installed on the main floor or near the sleeping areas within the home. As a result 4 charges of “Failing to install smoke alarms as required by law” will be levied against the occupant of the property. The occupants were extremely lucky to have survived this situation as the fire was in the very room in which the occupant was sleeping. Fire Chief Rick Caddick, Reminds everyone that “Its the Law, working smoke alarms must be installed on every level of your home and near sleeping areas”. Failure to do so will result in charges being laid.

Fire Chief Rick Caddick.