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Overnight Residential Fire, No Injuries

At 3:21 am on November 27, 2017 the Faribault Fire Department, Faribault Police Department, Rice County Sherriff's Office, and North Memorial Ambulance responded to 415 Western Ave. lot 170, for a reported fire outside of a mobile home. Upon police officers arrival they found an active fire burning on the deck and on the front door of the residence. Because first responders were unsure of occupancy, fire fighters quickly forced entry into the home to look for occupants. No one was located inside the home at the time of the fire. The fire was quickly extinguished by firefighters and no injuries were reported. The fire caused minor smoke damage and some structural damage to the mobile home.

The State Fire Marshal's Office was contacted to assist Faribault Fire and the Faribault Police Department with the investigation. The suspicious nature of this fire warranted an extensive investigation and emergency responders cleared the scene at 6:23 am.

Fire Chief Dustin Dienst commented, "The home had working smoke detectors that would have warned occupants of the fire had they been at home. Crews did a good job of extinguishing the fire quickly".

Police Chief Andy Bohlen commented, "We are grateful that no occupants or first responders were injured during the incident and the case is considered an active and ongoing investigation. As we work together to identify a cause of the fire we ask anyone with information to contact the police department of fire department."