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BROOMFIELD STRUCTURE FIRE DISPLACES FAMILY

Firefighters from North Metro Fire Rescue District responded to a report of a home on fire yesterday in north Broomfield around 5 p.m. Neighbors noticed smoke coming from a single-family home located at 2505 Outlook Trail and called 911. The homeowners were not at home when the fire started, and no other residents or pets were inside the structure. Once on scene, the firefighters found heavy, dark smoke pushing from the front of the home. They quickly forced entry and moved to the bulk of the fire, located in the basement. The floor above them started to collapse, and the firefighters were forced to withdraw from the home and fight the fire from the outside.

There were no injuries but the home was heavily damaged. A total of 35 firefighters and command officers responded, including mutual aid engines from Thornton and Westminster Fire Departments. "Because we had to fight the fire from the outside, it took us much longer to get the fire under control. Normally, we are able to get inside a building, locate and extinguish the fire within minutes," stated Jeff Bybee, North Metro Fire's Division Chief of Operations. A crew of 10 firefighters remained on scene overnight to extinguish and monitor any remaining hot spots.

The exact cause of the fire was undetermined and is currently under investigation. A neighbor behind the affected structure had minor basement flooding due to the water run-off during firefighting operations. The Fire District contacted an on-call restoration company to assist the homeowner with the water removal.

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About North Metro Fire Rescue District

North Metro Fire Rescue is dedicated to your quality care. North Metro Fire Rescue provides fire protection, emergency medical services, hazardous materials response and rescue services to our community. Formed in 1946, the district now covers 63 square miles with a population of approximately 103,000 people including the City and County of Broomfield, the City of Northglenn and unincorporated areas of Boulder, Adams and Jefferson Counties.