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EARLY MORNING HOUSE FIRE CLAIMS TWO LIVES

Fruitland, three other departments battle Wednesday (August 14) fire

MUSCATINE, Iowa – An early morning fire claimed the lives of two individuals Wednesday (August 14) according to the Fruitland Fire Department. The Muscatine Joint Communications Center (MUSCOM) received a 911 call at 6:59 a.m., Wednesday, of smoke coming from a single family home at 2504 Stewart Road, Muscatine.

Fire crews found heavy fire on the North side of the building upon arrival. Firefighters were able to knock down the fire and brought the fire under control in approximately 30 minutes. Smoke damage was throughout, and several rooms of the structure suffered heavy fire damage.

The on scene investigation is complete, and although a cause has not been determined it does not appear intentional at this time. The Iowa State Fire Marshal's Office provided an investigator and Fruitland and Muscatine Fire Department personnel provided assistance with the investigation.

There were no responder injuries.



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Information about the victims is not available at this time, and all inquiries will be deferred to the medical examiner's office. The Red Cross was requested for assistance.

The Fruitland Fire Department was assisted by the Muscatine, Letts, and Wilton Fire Departments, the Iowa State Fire Marshal's Office, and the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office. Approximately 20 fire fighters responded to the fire.

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