



Press Release

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NEWS: Briarwood Lane Fire

BRYAN COUNTY Ga, Bryan County Emergency Services (BCES) were dispatched at 5:30 a.m. this morning to a house fire on Briarwood Lane. The fire was fully involved in the two car garage of the home when crews from Bryan County Stations 1, 9, and Richmond Hill arrived on scene. The cause of the fire is currently under investigation, but is thought to have been started by embers from a backyard fire pit. There were no injuries and most of the family's pets were saved. The home is still assumed to be livable, as the fire was contained to the garage.

The family was alerted to the fire by Kim Sarver, who was delivering the Savannah Morning News in the neighborhood. Mrs. Sarver knocked on the door and called 911 when she noticed the fire and was able to help get the family out. "It broke my heart. I am so glad they got up," Mrs. Sarver stated when Chief Freddy Howell called to thank her for her quick response. BCES plans to recognize Mrs. Sarver in an upcoming Bryan County Commission meeting for her quick actions to save this family and their home.

Chief Howell said, "Everything concerning the response worked out well. We can't ask for a better outcome from an unfortunate event like this. The notification and response were quick and everyone got out of the house." The Red Cross has been called to support any basic needs that the family might have.

This event serves as a good reminder to keep your homes smoke detectors in good working order and place them throughout your home.