

House Fire – 13612 Church Road – Rathdrum, ID

At approximately 2:30 p.m. today (Thursday, September 1, 2011) Northern Lakes Fire District was dispatched to a report of heavy black smoke coming from a home at 13612 Church Road in Rathdrum. Arriving crews found heavy smoke and flames coming from the two-story home.

A second alarm was called. All residents of the home were away at the time of the fire. The homeowners, Richard and Jana Bennett arrived on scene while crews were fighting the fire. Two children and a grandparent, who also live at the home, were away at the time of the fire and accounted for. Two family pet dogs were also accounted for.

Fire damage was extensive in the southeast part of the home with heavy smoke and heat damage throughout.

Crews from Northern Lakes, Hauser, and Kootenai County Fire responded to the call. No injuries were reported.

The homeowners stated they had insurance and their agent was contacted and arrived to assist with emergency housing and provisions. A board-up company was also contacted and arrived to secure the home.

The cause of the fire was undetermined at this time.

The fire operations were terminated at approximately 6:15 p.m. and turned over to the homeowner and board-up company.