



City of Madison Fire Department

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Fire Causes \$800,000 Damage

Fire caused significant damage to two homes on Shady Leaf Road shortly after 11 a.m, on Friday, April 17, 2009. A neighbor walking his dog noticed a fire at 238 Shady Leaf Road. He pounded on the door, and was able to get a resident and her dog out of the house. The fire quickly spread to the neighboring home at 234 Shady Leaf Road. Residents at 234 were not home at the time of the fire.

Fire crews arrived within six minutes and arrived to heavy smoke and fire. Initially, firefighters attacked the fire from inside the homes, but the intensity of the fire forced firefighters out of the building, adopting a defensive firefighting strategy. Firefighters were able to re-enter the homes and extinguished the fire at 11:43 a.m.

The fire burned so hot it melted the siding on two homes across an alley at 235 and 239 Golden Maple Road, and saved the homes from further damage.

Firefighters rescued a pet mouse and cat from 234 Shady Leaf Road.

No one was injured, and investigators are currently on the scene. Damage estimate is \$800,000, which include all structures and contents.

City of Madison Fire Department and NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) remind residents that fire can spread rapidly through your home, leaving you as little as two minutes to escape safety once the alarm sounds. Your ability to get out depends on advance warning from smoke alarms and advance planning – a home fire escape plan that everyone in your family is familiar with and has practiced.

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