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Bath Township Fire Department Responds to House Fire

December 4, 2016

Bath Township Fire Department responded to a 9-1-1 report of a house on fire this evening at 7:43 P.M. at 2420 Hadsell Rd. in Bath Township. The fire was spotted by a passerby who alerted the fire department.

Upon arrival, firefighters observed heavy smoke and fire coming from structure. The entire house was destroyed.

The house is owned by Richard Shields, who was not home at the time of the fire.

Firefighters were unable to enter the structure which took about three hours to extinguish due to a heavy amount of personal property inside the home.

Chief Joseph Kitchen has ruled the fire accidental with the exact cause undermined. The fire was not suspicious in nature.

The structure is not insured and damage is estimated at \$25,000 for the house and \$15,000 for the contents.

Bath Township Fire Department crews remain on the scene at the time of this release. No firefighters were injured.

The Allen County Chapter of the American Red Cross was contacted and is assisting Mr. Shields.

The Bath Twp. Firefighters Association is collecting monetary donations on his behalf. Mr. Shields lost all of his personal belongings as well as his three dogs. Checks should be made out to Bath Twp. Firefighters Association. The fire department hopes to assist Mr. Shields with housing and related needs with the money collected.

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