

Fire destroys Bath Township home early Saturday

The Bath Township Fire Department responded to 3465 Early Ave. after receiving a residential fire alarm through an alarm company at 2:19 a.m. Firefighters arrived to find heavy smoke throughout the attic of the home and fire coming from the front of the structure. The home is owned by Susanna Harrod, of Lima, and was occupied at the time.

All eight occupants were out of the home when firefighters arrived. One occupant received minor injuries but refused treatment by EMS. The American Red Cross was called to assist the residents.

Firefighters were initially unable to enter the structure due to heavy content in and around the structure. The fire was extinguished in about 2 ½ hours.

The structure is a total loss estimated at \$87,500 with an additional \$40,000 in contents. The fire is suspicious in nature. The State Marshal's Office and Allen County Sheriff's Office are investigating in conjunction with the fire department. The Fire Department was on the scene for about seven hours. The Cairo-Monroe Fire Department and Beaverdam-Richland Fire Department assisted the Bath Township Fire Department.