



**Hastings Highlands Fire Department**

**Hastings Highlands, ON, Canada**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDS TO STRUCTURE FIRE IN HASTINGS HIGHLANDS**

At approximately 4:05 p.m. on August 15, 2019, Hastings Highlands Fire Department responded to reports of a fully involved structure fire on Mooney Road in the Monteagle area of Hastings Highlands.

When emergency crews arrived on scene, they found the structure fully engulfed with fire. Five stations and approximately 23 firefighters responded to the scene.

There was one lone occupant at the time of the fire. No firefighters or residents were injured in the blaze.

Due to heavy structural damage, the origin of the fire will remain undetermined, however, is not deemed suspicious.

The Hastings Highlands Fire Department would like to remind residents and seasonal residents that you may have less than a few minutes to escape a fire in your home or cottage. Only working smoke and CO alarms with an escape plan will give you the early warning your family needs to safely escape in the event of an emergency.

The following are a few ways you can make your home or cottage safer in the event a fire was to occur...

- Install smoke and CO alarms on every story and outside every sleeping area of your home or cottage.
- Test smoke and CO alarms monthly by pressing the test button, and replace the devices according to manufacturers instructions.
- Practice a home escape plan with everyone in your home so everyone knows exactly what to do and where to meet outside in the event of an emergency.
- A reminder to all residents not to re-enter a structure for any reason once they are safely outside. Pets, keys, cell phones etc. can all be replaced but people cannot.

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