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Fire Damages Home

At 5:02 pm on January 30, 2023, the Faribault Fire Department, Faribault Police Department and North Memorial Ambulance responded to a report of smoke alarms sounding and smoke in a home. The reporting party reported that she came home to find smoke in the house. Upon responders arrival everyone was out of the home and there was no signs of fire from the exterior.

Firefighters made entry to the home through the front door and were met with heavy smoke. A thermal imaging camera was used to find the fire in a room with a closed door. The fire was quickly extinguished. Fire damaged was limited to a relatively small area so the investigation process started prior to an overhaul of the area. Crews cleared the scene at 6:45 pm.

The Faribault Fire Department conducted an investigation and determined that lithium ion batteries in a rechargeable appliance was the cause of the fire.

Fire Chief Dustin Dienst commented, "The majority of fire damage was contained to the room of origin. Thankfully the homeowner came home when she did and they keep their interior doors closed at all times. Those closed doors limited the smoke damage in this home."