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Fire destroys home in Rivers



PHOTOS BY THE RIVERS/DALY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Rivers/Daly Fire Department was dispatched to a report of a structure fire in the 600 block of 4th St. in Rivers the fire was under control and the scene cleared.

Sarah Plosker
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On Saturday, July 16 at 3:49 p.m., Rivers/Daly Fire Department was dispatched to a report of a structure fire in the 600 block of 4th St. in Rivers. Upon arrival, they found the east side of the home completely engulfed in flames.

Fire command immediately called for mutual aid. Rapid City Emergency Services responded with members and equipment, including their pumper, rescue, and tanker. Oak River

Fire responded and sent their Tanker for support. Rivers Police Service and Rivers EMS were dispatched to provide assistance as needed.

The first priority was to check for occupants. Once it was confirmed that there were no occupants in the home (including no animals), the response switched to an external attack as it was deemed that the home was beyond saving. The focus then became to protect the surrounding homes, vehicles, etc.

Portable water tanks were set up at 4th & Col-

umbia and in the middle of the 600 block of 4th St. to ensure that a water supply was always available, as multiple water lines were being utilized.

Once the fire was under control, Kroeger Backhoe Services was called in to demolish the home, ensuring that the fire was completely extinguished without the possibility of re-ignition. The scene was cleared at 10 p.m.

Many thanks to the members of Rivers Fire who were able to attend, and to Rapid City Emergency Services, Oak

River Fire, Provincial 911 Local 803, Rivers Police Service, Rivers EMS, Riverdale Municipality, Kroeger Backhoe Services Ltd., Shelly Moms Kitchen, Tempo Place Emporium, and all of the citizens of Rivers that came to help. Shelly Moms and several citizens from town supplied bottles of water to the firefighters, and Tempo supplied them with pizza. Helpful onlookers saw firefighters trying to pull the hose line and helped by grabbing a section and moving it to where the firefighters needed it to



The home was found to be beyond saving once it was confirmed that there were no occupant inside.

be. Rivers Fire sincerely appreciates all the help, especially on a very hot day.

Once again, thank you to the firefighters in ensuring that the fire

was contained to a single home, with no damage to any surrounding homes. The cause of the fire is undetermined.