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# CENTRAL DOUGLAS FIRE & RESCUE

## News and Information

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**Type of Incident:** Fatal Structure Fire  
**Date:** 03-11-2025  
**Release Date:** 03-11-2025  
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At 07:17 a.m. Tuesday, Central Douglas Fire & Rescue crews were dispatched to a reported structure fire at 71 NE Darrell Ave in Winston, Oregon. Neighbors had reported that the home was full of smoke, and flames could be seen through the window. The initial crew arrived to find smoke from the eaves and blackened windows. After accessing the home, crews found the smoke level on the floor and a fire in the living room. While performing a search, CDF&R firefighters found one individual in the living room and removed the victim from the house. Crews got a quick knockdown of the fire, which was limited to the living room area. However, the remainder of the home suffered heat and smoke damage.

Winston Police Department and the Douglas County Sheriff's Office medical examiner identified the victim through interviews with the homeowners. The homeowners were at work at the time of the fire. The victim was a friend who had been staying at home for the past few weeks. Next of kin have been notified, and the investigation of the cause of the fire is still ongoing.

CDF&R responded to this incident with four pieces of fire equipment and three command units, totaling 15 paid and volunteer personnel. Crews at the scene were assisted by the Winston Police Department, Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Umpqua Valley Ambulance, Pacific Power & Light, and Avista Gas. The Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office assisted with investigating the cause of the fire and its origin.