



SALEM FIRE-EMS NEWS RELEASE

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STRUCTURE FIRE AT 21 EAST MAIN STREET

The Salem Fire & EMS Department responded to a structure fire at Tarpley's & Mac's Appliances this afternoon at approximately 1:17 p.m. There were no injuries as a result of the fire, but the building did sustain significant fire and smoke damage.

The first unit arrived within a minute of receiving the call and found smoke coming from the rear of the building. The fire was under control in approximately 30 minutes; crews found a fire in the attic and were able to contain the fire to the attic.

Approximately 32 personnel from the Salem Fire & EMS Department (Engine 1, Engine 2, Engine 3, Tower 1 & Medic 802), Salem Rescue Squad (Squad 1), and the Roanoke Fire & EMS Department (Engine 4, Engine 13, & Ladder 5) responded to the call. Roanoke County Fire & Rescue Department (Wagon 9) provided coverage for any additional City of Salem emergency calls.

The fire has been ruled accidental by the Salem Fire Marshal's Office, and appears to be electrical in nature. Damage from the fire is estimated to be \$60,000. The Red Cross is assisting residents of the apartments above the business that were displaced due to smoke damage from the fire.

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