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Smoke alarm alerts occupant to house fire

At 2:55 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 13, Campbell River Fire Crews responded to a fire at a residence in the 2100 block of Dalton Rd. in Willow Point.

On arrival fire crews confirmed light smoke coming from the kitchen area on the second floor of a two-storey home. Crews were able to contain the fire to a small area in the kitchen.

“The activation of a smoke alarm on the second floor alerted the occupant in the home of the fire,” says deputy fire chief Thomas Doherty. *“The occupant was able to exit the home uninjured and call 911.”*

The fire was caused by combustible materials placed too close to a heat source.

“The Campbell River Fire Department reminds the public to check their smoke alarms regularly to ensure they are working properly because early detection by a smoke alarm may be your only chance of successfully escaping a fire,” Doherty adds. “Newer, modern construction materials burn much hotter and faster than older construction materials, reducing your time to escape fire to just minutes from the time a smoke alarm activates.”

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