



## **PERQUIMANS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES**

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### **PRESS RELEASE – Woodland Church Road Structure Fire**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
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On Saturday, October 16, 2021, at 12:53 a.m., the Perquimans County 911 Center received multiple calls for a structure fire located in the 100 block of Woodland Church Rd.

Upon arriving on scene, public safety crews found smoke coming from the front door of the residence. Firefighters from InterCounty Volunteer Fire Department, Durants Neck Volunteer Fire Department, and Winfall Volunteer Fire Department made both interior and exterior attacks to ensure the fire had been extinguished. Chief Cartwright stated "Due to a quick interior attack by our firefighters, the primary fire damage was held to the room and hallway of where the fire originated. Smoke and heat damage however was found throughout other areas of the residence. All responding departments worked well together and I would like to thank all of those involved who helped to bring this incident to a quick conclusion."

Perquimans County EMS was on scene to evaluate and provide immediate support to the family as well as rehabilitation to crews working the fire. Traffic control and on scene security was provided by the Perquimans County Sheriff's Office.

Chief Michael Cartwright of InterCounty Volunteer Fire Department provided Incident Command per established National Incident Management System (NIMS) guidelines. All occupants of the dwelling were able to safely evacuate the residence without injury. The American Red Cross assisted the family with temporary shelter. The incident is under investigation by the Perquimans County Sheriff's Office and the Perquimans County Fire Marshal's Office.

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