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County Regional Fire Service responds to Two Structure Fires

Around 4:47 a.m. on March 12, crews from the Clairmont and Dunes Fire Stations as well as fire departments from the towns of Sexsmith and Wembley responded to a structure fire in Clairmont. Upon arrival, flames were visible from the exterior of the building, and the fire had extended into the attic.

Fire crews had difficulty accessing a hydrant across the street from the property because it had been buried under snow piles. Firefighters worked for several hours to bring the fire under control and to ensure all hot spots were eliminated from the attic and remained on scene until approximately 4:00 p.m. No injuries were reported. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

On March 11, around 7:45 p.m., County of Grande Prairie Regional Fire Service crews responded to a structure fire in Carriage Lane.

The fire was confined to the room where it originated; however, smoke travelled throughout the house. Because the homeowner acted quickly in calling 911, emergency crews from the Clairmont and Dunes Fire Stations were able to arrive quickly and keep the fire from spreading to the rest of the structure.

Crews remained on scene ensuring the fire was completely extinguished. The investigation continued until after 10:00 p.m. when the property was turned over to the homeowner. There were no injuries as a result of this incident.

The County reminds the public that they own or occupy property in the County that is adjacent to a fire hydrant, they are responsible for keeping it clear of obstructions so that it is accessible for firefighters, as per the Community Standards Bylaw 3098, Section 12. If the public notices that a hydrant is not visible or accessible, please contact Regional Enforcement Services at 780-532-9727.

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