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Grant home destroyed by fire after being struck by lightning

GRANT, Minn. – A lightning strike during an overnight storm is said to be the cause of a house fire in Grant early this morning.

Just after 1:00 a.m., the Washington County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call from a homeowner on the 11000 block of Great Oak Trail North who reported hearing a bolt of lightning followed by a strong smell of gas. Deputies arriving on scene located a fire inside the residence. The two adult occupants were able to safely evacuate with their animals and no injuries have been reported.

Due to the home's location in a district without fire hydrants, water had to be brought in by tanker shuttle to battle the flames. As of 11:00 a.m., fire crews remain on scene working to extinguish the fire.

Chief Terry Fischer of the Mahtomedi Fire Department has ruled lightning strike as the cause of the fire and the home is said to be a total loss.

The Mahtomedi Fire Department was assisted by fire crews from Hugo, White Bar Lake, Oakdale, Stillwater, Lake Elmo, Centennial, Lower St. Croix Valley, Scandia, Marine on St. Croix, Vadnais Heights, Forest Lake, Wyoming, Lino Lakes. Additional assistance was also received by Lakeview EMS the American Red Cross.

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