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Family of five escapes house fire north of Mandan

Mandan, N.D. – The Morton County Sheriff's Office and Mandan Rural Fire Department responded to a house fire north of Mandan late last night when a vehicle parked outside started on fire and spread to the house.

A family of five, to include three young children, were able to escape because a neighbor called to alert them that a vehicle was on fire. The family's dog also got out unharmed. The flames quickly spread to the garage and then engulfed the house located on Bluestem Dr.

"We were trying to knock down the fire, but the whole roof had fallen in, so we had to go on the defensive and let it go," Mandan Rural Fire Chief Lynn Gustin said.

A neighbor had called in to report the fire at approximately 11:30pm and crews were on scene until approximately 3:30am. Crews were called back to the scene around 6:00am today as some debris had rekindled in the basement.

Red Cross was contacted to assist the family as all of their belongings were lost in the fire.

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