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## **FAMILY ESCAPES EARLY MORNING HOUSE FIRE**

Sirens filled a Grandview neighborhood around 2 a.m. as Grandview Firefighters responded to a house fire in the 7000 block of 144<sup>th</sup> Street. Grandview Fire Chief Ron Graham says a teenage boy woke up to flames and smoke in his bedroom. The teen then alerted his family while smoke detectors started sounding. The mom and two kids made it out of the house safely.

Fire Chief Graham believes a space heater started the fire. Firefighters were able to contain the fire to the bedroom, so the home is not a total loss. However, the family is staying with relatives for now. Pictures of the scene are attached to this email.

This fire is an unfortunate reminder to be careful when using space heaters in your home. As the weather gets cooler, the Grandview Fire Department would like to offer the following tips for space heater safety:

- Never leave on a space heater while sleeping.
- Don't place a space heater close to any sleeping person.
- Keep the heater at least three feet away from bedding, drapes, furniture, and other combustible materials.

- Turn the heater off if you leave the area.
- Use a space heater that has been tested to the latest safety standards and has been certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory. These heaters have the most up to date safety features. Older space heaters may not meet newer safety standards.