

House Fire in Mulberry Limited to Kitchen, Hallway and Attic

Fast response time and a large number of firefighters apparently made a significant difference with the outcome of a house fire on Fairplains Road in the Fairplains community late Thursday afternoon.

Mulberry-Fairplains Fire Chief Ricky Gambill said firefighters were on the scene of the fire, in a rental home occupied by Remijio Rameriez, his wife and their three children, within two to three minutes.

The fire started from grease that Mrs. Rameriez left in a pan on a stove that was on, said Gambill. She stated that she found fire in the kitchen after leaving to speak with someone outside the house. Mrs. Rameriez dialed 911 and tried unsuccessfully to extinguish the fire with water.

Gambill said the fire was mostly contained in the kitchen, a hallway and the attic, but there was smoke damage elsewhere.

He said the house was worth about \$125,000 and had \$60,000 to \$70,000 in damage.

The Mulberry-Fairplains Fire Department, dispatched about 5:10 p.m. Thursday, was assisted by the North Wilkesboro Fire Department.

Mulberry-Fairplains had about 25 firefighters, three fire engines and one fire tanker on the scene. North Wilkesboro had 15 to 20 firefighters and one fire engine there.

Gambill said there were no injuries.