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Firefighters respond to house fire on 38th Avenue

On November 22, 2019, Vernon Fire Rescue Services (VFRS) was called to a structure fire in the 1200 block of 38th Avenue.

Just before 3:30 pm, a tenant of the home reported seeing flames and heavy smoke in the basement. Upon arriving, firefighters confirmed the fire was located in the utility room and suppressed the fire quickly.

“The fire was contained to a single room,” said Deputy Chief Dwight Seymour. “There is minimal fire and water damage to the house, but a fair bit of smoke damage, so the tenants of the home will need to stay out of the house for at least one night.”

Emergency Social Services was on scene to assist the tenants. RCMP and BC Ambulance Service also attended the scene, but no injuries were reported.

An investigation will begin this evening, but Deputy Chief Seymour said the fire does not appear to be suspicious.

VFRS would like to remind community members about the importance of checking your smoke detectors regularly to ensure they are working properly in case of an emergency.