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Vernon firefighters respond to structure fire in residential area Monday night

Vernon Fire Rescue Services (VFRS) was called to a structure fire in the Harwood area late Monday night (July 18).

At approximately 10:50 p.m., firefighters were dispatched to a report of smoke coming from the attic of a two-storey townhouse in the 4200-block of 20th Street. Upon arrival, firefighters confirmed heavy smoke and fire was coming from the middle unit of a three-plex townhouse.

“The first arriving firefighters made entry to the townhouse and initiated an interior fire attack,” said Fire Chief David Lind. “The crews successfully contained the fire to the single unit and knocked the fire down quickly, preventing it from spreading to the adjacent units. There is substantial fire and smoke damage to the townhouse.”

Emergency responders received a report of a possible explosion during the incident and a front window was shattered on the townhouse. No one was inside any of the three units when fire crews arrived and no injuries were reported.

Vernon North Okanagan RCMP, BC Ambulance Service, and BC Hydro also attended the scene. The fire has been deemed suspicious and the file has been handed over to the RCMP for investigation.