

Neighbour's quick thinking saves teens from house fire

By Barb McKay

Several young people escaped unharmed from a house fire on Reynolds Drive Friday evening thanks to the quick actions of a neighbour.

Octavian Deaconescu was cutting his lawn around 7:45 p.m. that evening when he noticed flames coming from the garage of the home directly across the street. He asked his wife to call 911 while he raced across the street.

"I knocked on the door but no one answered so I walked in," he said. "Kids were in the basement and didn't know what was going on."

Deaconescu said there were about six or seven young people who immediately exited the home. According to other neighbours, the homeowners had just left for vacation, but were quickly reached.

Firefighters from the Kincardine and Tiverton fire stations responded promptly and were able to extinguish the blaze before it engulfed the house. Dozens of residents on the street emerged from their homes and people from neighbouring streets wandered over to watch and to offer assistance to the young people who were in the home.

Neither the cause of the fire nor the estimate of damage have been determined.



Firefighters battle flames erupting from a home on Reynolds Drive. (photo courtesy of Lime Blu Photography)

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