

UP IN SMOKE: Smoke billows from a Hill Street home that caught fire Sunday night while the residents were out of the country on vacation. About \$100,000 damage was caused.

## Home burns while family away

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A Milton family's vacation came to an abrupt end after they were notified their house had caught fire Sunday night.

Chief Larry Brassard of the Milton Fire Department said the homeowners were out of the country when crews responded shortly after 9 p.m. to their blazing Hill Street home in Fortunately, nobody was Boulevard and Fourth Line.

"It was a pretty significant

fire," Brassard said, explaining it had been burning "for quite some time" before the fire department was notified.

Not knowing if anyone was inside, firefighters made an aggressive interior attack.

"Crews met with very high heat and dense smoke," he explained. "They took a beating when they first went in because of the temperature."

Hawthorne Village near Clark inside and there were no injuries.

The fire was under control by

about 10 p.m. It didn't spread to adjacent homes.

Damage to the house is pegged at about \$100,000.

At the height of the fire, about 35 firefighters were on the scene, Brassard said.

Although it's not known what caused the blaze, it appears to have started in the kitchen and spread to the second floor.

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