

Child with lighter sparks structure fire

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A child playing with a lighter sparked a structure fire Tuesday on Railroad Street in Brookings, according to investigators.

Shortly after 8:30 a.m., Brookings Fire and Rescue Department crews were dispatched to a closet fire in a bedroom at 322 Railroad St. The first arriving unit reported smoke showing.

All of the occupants and family pets had fled the house, said Brookings Fire and Rescue Operations Chief James Watson.

Firefighters entered the building and quickly extinguished the fire, said officials. It was located in and confined to one room, they said.

Some smoke damage was found in other parts of the house and no injuries were reported.

Eleven firefighters, a command unit and three engines responded. The Brookings Police Department, Harbor Fire Department and Coos Curry Electric Coop assisted at the scene.

Watson said the fire department's investigation pointed to a minor playing with a lighter as the cause of the fire, which resulted in an estimated \$10,000 to 15,000 in damage costs and content losses.