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# Press Release

## Flames and heat from house fire damages two other homes



### **Incident Number: 13- 1048**

*Van Buren Township* - On Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 11:40pm the Van Buren Police and Fire Departments were dispatched to a house fire in the 50 block of Rose Boulevard in the Mobile Manor Complex off of Sumpter Road. At the time of call both Duty Crews were assisting Huron Valley Paramedics with an unresponsive patient near the South I-94 Service Drive and Quirk Road. At 11:41pm both the North and South Duty Crews were cleared from the EMS call by HVA paramedics and responded to the house fire.

Upon arrival, at 11:45pm, Captain Karver found the single story mobile home was well involved in fire and occupants were already safely out of the home. Engine 1 began to set up operations to protect the surrounding homes – two of which were already damaged by the intense heat.

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The Mobile Manor complex does not have hydrants inside of it so Captain Karver requested mutual aid from the City of Belleville and Sumpter Township Fire Departments to help shuttle water - a practice of filling the truck with water at a distant hydrant, delivering it to the scene in order to fill other fire trucks with water, and then returning for more water – to the Van Buren Fire Trucks.

No injuries were reported and the loss is estimated at \$30,000. The cause is still under investigation. The Public Safety Chaplains were contacted to help set the family up with temporary housing and other needs.

Firefighters remained on scene verifying any smoldering fires had been extinguished - the last fire unit cleared at 2:59 am. Engine 1, Engine 2, Engine 3, Squad 1, Utility 1, and Utility 2 responded to the scene.

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