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At approximately 03:35 AM on May 17 2015, the Kalispell Fire Department responded to 930 6th Avenue East in Kalispell for a reported structure fire. Upon arrival crews reported a working structure fire with fire and smoke showing from 3 sides of the building. All residents had evacuated the building prior to arrival. A Defensive fire attack was established from the exterior of the home and the neighboring homes protected. Extensive efforts were needed to fully extinguish the fire due to construction features and the heavy involvement of fire in the residence.

The preliminary fire investigation concluded that this was an accidental fire with improper use and disposal of smoking materials as the most probable cause. The home is considered to be a total loss including the contents of the structure. Damage estimates are noted at \$200,000. No injuries have been reported in regards to this incident.

Assistance was received from Kalispell Police Department, Smith Valley Fire Department, Evergreen Fire Department, South Kalispell Fire Department, American Red Cross, Flathead Electric and Northwestern Energy.

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