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Firefighters Battle Fire and Sub Zero Temperatures

FREDERICKTOWN – Fredericktown Community Fire District received a call for a fully engulfed structure fire at 1:56am on Monday morning at 18107 Zolman Road. When firefighters arrived on scene they found flames shooting from the one-story structure owned by Patricia Hoadley. Fire officers quickly requested a tanker and personnel mutual-aid from Jefferson Township in Bellville to assist in the fire operations. Tankers shuttled water from a hydrant on the north edge of Fredericktown to the scene.

The bitter cold hampered firefighters by not only freezing their fire hoses, but also their breathing apparatus, fire gear, gloves, and anything that the water touched. According to the weather station at the department, the temperatures were three degrees below zero with a dangerous wind-chill.

Several occupants were sleeping inside the home at the time of the fire and were able to escape without injury. Fredericktown EMS was on scene and checked out the fire victims and performed rehab for the firefighters. Red Cross responded to the scene and provided warm drinks and snacks to keep everyone going. The residents of the home had no insurance and are being assisted by the Knox County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Fredericktown firefighters remained on-scene until 6:30am this morning to continue putting out hot spots within the structure. The fire remains under investigation at this time, crews will be back out at the scene later in the day.

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