

UNATTENDED CANDLE BLAMED FOR HOUSE FIRE

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(Palm Bay)--A burning candle left unattended in a bedroom is being blamed for a fire that destroyed more than half of a family's home late Tuesday.

Just before 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Palm Bay Fire-Rescue responded to 997 Canal LN. NE for reports of structure fire. When firefighters arrived, there was heavy fire blowing out the front windows. No one was home at the time. Firefighters controlled the fire and contained it to the single structure. Further investigation revealed the residence had no power, and the occupants used multiple candles throughout the home. A candle left burning on a dresser was determined to be the point of origin.

Damage is estimated at approximately \$45,000 to the home which has an estimated value of \$80,000.

A mother, grandmother and four children ages 9 to 14 are receiving assistance from the Red Cross.













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