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## **Salisbury Fire Department Responds to Residential Structural Fire - Two Fatalities Reported**

Salisbury\_NC\_December 22 – The Salisbury Fire Department responded to a residential structural fire at the corner of N. Church and 12<sup>th</sup> Street, shortly after noon that resulted in the fatalities of one elderly male and one elderly female.

Upon arrival, companies found the left front of the house to be heavily involved with fire at which time fire personnel began an interior fire attack including ventilating the structure from the roof. Approximately ten minutes into the response, the fire began rapidly spreading weakening structural stability. At this time companies began a defensive mode of operation, fighting the fire from a safer vantage point.

Additional assistance was provided on the scene by the Salisbury Police Department, Rowan County Rescue Squad, Rowan County EMS, Spencer, Ellis, Faith and Granite Quarry Fire Departments. Additional County units and off duty fire personnel were called in to provide continued fire protection to the citizens of Salisbury.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation by Salisbury Fire and Police Departments. No additional details are available at the present time. Further details regarding the cause of the fire and victim identities will be released by City of Salisbury Public Information Officer, Elaney Hasselmann as they become available. Media inquires may be directed to (704) 762-1008.

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