

## A Fire Broke Out in Local Boston Neighborhood, Smoke Alarms Reportedly Faulty

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BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS – A fire occurred in the residential neighborhood of Oak Tree Heights on Monday morning. The Henderson family, which includes father James Henderson, mother Jennie Henderson, and 15-year-old son Charlie Henderson, were the victims of the fire.

At 5 a.m. neighbor Sandra O’Toole witnessed smoke from the Henderson’s home and alerted 911 dispatchers. Firemen arrived at 5:07 a.m. and put out the fire in two hours.

The family was transferred to Hillcrest Hospital and was reported to be in good health.

“We’re just thankful that we made it out safely,” James Henderson said. “We didn’t even hear the alarm sound so it caught us off guard when we smelled smoke coming from the basement.”

According to Boston Fire Chief Rick Ramirez, the source of the fire was a malfunctioning dryer. He went on to say that all five of the Henderson’s smoke alarms were not working as intended.

“Not having working smoke alarms is a very common occurrence. Over the course of my career, I’ve dealt with 10 similar cases,” Ramirez said. He added that his department has free fire safety classes every Saturday.

In the past six months 10 fires have occurred, resulting in three deaths and six critical injuries. In seven of the fires, the smoke alarms were either faulty or not in place at all. One of the fires broke out in an office building in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

The causes of the fires are not associated.

While the Hendersons made it out safely, they lost everything in the fire. “The worst part is losing our photos. Our memories were in that house,” Jennie Henderson said.

A GoFundMe page was created to raise money for the Hendersons so they can replace their belongings. The family’s dog Jackie, a yellow lab and collie mix, ran from the fire and is reportedly missing.

**BREAKING:** A fire broke out in Oak Tree Heights in Boston, Massachusetts. This is the tenth fire to have occurred in the past six months. Follow for updates. #fire #boston #localnews

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