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PRESS RELEASE

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From: Brent J. Libby, Chief

Re: Update: Working Fire at #59 Birch Drive, Standish

We met with the Fire Marshal's Office this morning and have determined this fire to be accidental. During the investigation we found that blankets and bedding had been relocated and inadvertently placed on top of computer components and other home electronics. The fire was a smoldering fire that finally burned through an outside wall. Though actual fire damage was limited to the area of origin, the entire home did suffer extensive heat and smoke damage.

It is very important to note that homeowners were sleeping at the time and were awakened by WORKING SMOKE DETECTORS.

It should also be stressed that home electronics to include computers, monitors and routers require adequate air movement around them.

Please contact us with any questions