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Subject: *Fully Involved Residence Structure Fire*

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On September 10, 2018, at 6:54 p.m. Berthoud Fire Protection District responded to a structure fire on Bothun Road in Berthoud. Berthoud Fire Engine 2 from Station 2 arrived on scene within moments of receiving the call. Engine 1 and crew were also on scene.

Upon initial arrival, significant flames were visible from the front of the home. The fire was a two-alarm fire and additional resources were immediately dispatched.

Firefighting crews quickly made a defensive attack on the fire. Flames fully engulfed the front and southern side of the home. The fire spread throughout the first level and began to spread to the second floor.

Loveland Fire Rescue Authority had 3 engines on scene, and Front Range Fire Rescue also had an engine on scene to assist. Larimer County Sheriff's Office assisted in traffic control. Thompson Valley EMS was on scene to provide medical care to any injured parties, and to evaluate firefighters after their prolonged heat exposure during the fire attack. No injuries were reported.

The owners of the home confirmed that no individuals were inside the structure at the time of the fire. Three cats had been in the home and did not survive.

The fire was fully contained by 7:40 p.m. Firefighters remained on scene to complete the extensive overhaul process. Overhaul entails strategically moving through the structure and eliminating hot spots by spraying water.

The home will be a complete loss with smoke and heat damage throughout. The cause of the fire is currently under investigation.