

FORT MYERS BEACH FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

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(Fort Myers Beach, FL) – On Sunday June 22, 2008, the Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District (FMBFCD) received a 911 call, at about 7:15 pm, concerning lighting striking a home and causing a possible structure fire. FMBFCD responded to the location at 11620 Isle of Palms Drive. FMBFCD sent ALS Truck 33, ALS Engine 33, Battalion 31, and ALS Ambulances 31 & 33 to the location of the incident. Upon arrival FMBFCD found that the structure had been struck by lighting and caused damage to the structure. Firefighters began a thorough investigation to determine if the lighting strike had indeed caused a fire. FMBFCD secured power to the residence to prevent any further hazards to the two story structure. During their investigation firefighters found that lighting had traveled from the top of the structure down through the home cause several thousand dollars of damage. Firefighters discovered that the strike caused damage to glass in the skylight as well as created holes in the façade and in the plywood of the home. After finding no fire, firefighters checked the home for any additional hazards and allowed the residents to return.

Immediately after the strike the home owners reported seeing smoke and evacuated the building. Firefighters remind resident, when smoke or fire is present, it is important to evacuate the premises and call 911. No one was injured in this incident. For more information contact the Public Information Officer, Ramon Looby.

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