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# News Release

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## **CHRISTMAS DAY NEW KENT RESIDENCE FIRE CONSIDERED ACCIDENTAL**

**NEW KENT VIRGINIA, JANUARY 6, 2009:** New Kent County Fire-Rescue has deemed a Christmas Day fire located at 4347 New Kent Highway in Quinton accidental, starting at a fireplace that was not properly vented.

At approximately 7:03 p.m. on December 25, 2008, New Kent County dispatch received a call reporting a house fire. Upon arrival, the first of eight units responding found flames visible out of the rear of the residence.

The origin of the fire was a second floor bedroom of the home where firefighters extinguished the flames. Prior to the arrival of the first fire unit two adults and one child escaped the structure. Raymond Toreze, 31, was taken to MCV hospital in

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Richmond and treated for minor burns and smoke inhalation. No other injuries were reported.

Damages to the second floor bedroom and attic space are estimated between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

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