

Boston Fire Tragedies Linked to Non-Functioning Smoke Alarms —
Family Survives Devastating Inferno

A fire early Monday morning in Boston's Oak Tree Heights neighborhood destroyed the Henderson family home, underscoring the issue of non-working smoke alarms in residential fires. The fire, which broke out at 4:55 a.m., was caused by a dryer malfunction, according to Fire Chief Rick Ramirez.

Firefighters arrived on the scene at 5:07 a.m. and extinguished the blaze after two hours. James Henderson, 42, his wife Jennie, 40, and their 15-year-old son Charlie escaped the house after noticing smoke but did not hear any alarms. Ramirez confirmed that none of the five smoke alarms in the house were operational. "This is, unfortunately, something we see far too often," Chief Ramirez said. "It's crucial that residents regularly check their smoke alarms to prevent these tragedies."

The Henderson fire is the tenth in Boston in six months, with seven involving non-working or absent smoke alarms. In that period, three people have died, and six others have suffered severe injuries. "We're just thankful that we made it out safely," James Henderson said. "We didn't hear any alarms; we just smelled smoke from the basement and got out in time."

Neighbor Sandra O'Toole noticed smoke coming from the home and called 911 at 5:00 a.m. The Hendersons lost everything in the fire, including irreplaceable family memories. "The worst part is losing our photos. Our memories were in that house," Jennie Henderson said. The family's dog, Jackie, a yellow lab-collie mix, fled during the fire and remains missing.

A GoFundMe page has been established to assist the family with recovery. Visit here to donate: [Link].

The Boston Fire Department offers free fire safety classes every Saturday to raise awareness about the importance of working smoke alarms. **281 words**

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