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Fire at 1631 Blossom Circle East

Lakeland, FL – At approximately 5:30 PM on May 27th, the Lakeland Fire Department (LFD) received a call of a structure fire at a residence, located at 1631 Blossom Circle East. Upon arrival, crews encountered moderate smoke conditions coming from the roof vents and active fire on the exterior of the residence around the kitchen window.

Fire crews quickly extinguished the fire on the exterior and made entry inside the residence to complete extinguishment of the fire. The fire was brought under control in less than 15 minutes and contained to the immediate kitchen area.

Upon arrival, fire crews were advised that everyone had safely exited the structure. It was quickly determined that five children under the age of nine and their grandmother were home when the fire occurred. The oldest child assisted in getting the other children safely out of the residence, but was unable to assist her grandmother out of the residence by herself. A neighbor from across the street entered the residence and was able to assist the grandmother across the street. The grandmother was transported to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

A total of seven LFD units, one Polk County Fire Rescue (PCFR) Medic Unit, and patrol units from the Lakeland Police Department (LPD) responded to the scene.

No firefighter injuries were reported.

The fire was determined to be an accidental cooking fire. Further information on home fire safety can be found on our website at www.lakelandgov.net/lfd and on our social media sites.

Photograph from the scene is attached.

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