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SUSPICIOUS FIRE INVESTIGATION IN AUBURN COMMUNITY

The State Fire Marshall's Office and Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office are investigating a suspicious fire that took place at the rural home of an Okaloosa County Sheriff's deputy in the Auburn Community around 3 a.m. Saturday morning.

The deputy says he was awoken by his four-year old boxer. When he looked out of the window he saw flames. He then ran back, grabbed his four-year old daughter and got out her out of the burning home. He went back in to get his dog and they escaped through a window. No one was injured.

Another deputy who had arrived at the home had attempted to use his fire extinguisher and water hoses to contain the blaze. The North Okaloosa Fire Department arrived to put out the fire.

The home is a total loss but the deputy, who has been with the agency four and a half years, was able to salvage clothes and some personal items. He does have insurance and also has living arrangements at this time. He thanks fellow law enforcement officers at the OCSO and Crestview Police Department, along with family and friends, for their assistance and concerns, but asks that his name not be released to the public at this time to protect his family's privacy while the investigation is underway.

Anyone with information on the fire is asked to contact the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office at 850-689-5705, Emerald Coast Crime Stoppers at 850-863-TIPS, or the State Fire Marshall's Office.



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No other details are being released by the OCSO at this time.

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