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Six persons including a baby escaped safely from a burning home this morning in Trenton. Firefighters were sent just after 5 am to 1607 Carnes—the residence of Kathy Reeder and five other persons.

The origin of the fire, as well as its possible cause, remains under investigation by the state fire marshal's office representative. (He was still at the scene at mid-day)

The house, described as a story and a half, received major damage to the front half and extensive heat and smoke to the back half. Belongings also were lost.

Firefighter Eric Lorenz said a neighbor across the street alerted the residents to the fire; allowing all of them time to escape through a side window. He noted there was NOT a working smoke alarm at the residence. The owner of the residence is listed as William Gott.

The last fire truck cleared the scene more than five hours after the blaze was reported. Some of the latter time was spent assisting the fire marshal investigator.

Assisting the Trenton fire department was personnel from the Grundy county fire protection district. This was the first significant structure fire for Trenton's newest fire truck that was put into service in March.

The truck has the ability to spray a foam and water mixture which allows for more coverage and to lessen the chances of the fire re-kindling and having firemen return to the scene.