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## PRESS RELEASE

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On February 5, 2016 at 11:53pm Avon Fire Department received a call for a fire at 103 Pond Street. First arriving companies found a two story single family home with heavy fire on the first and second floors. The occupant, Robin Ramano, was out of the house.

A second alarm was struck bringing mutual aid from Brockton, Stoughton, Randolph, Holbrook, Canton and Abington. Despite the cold weather and snow, water availability was not a problem. The house had been modified over its long history creating multiple attic spaces which were difficult to access.

The investigation into the cause and origin of the fire was conducted by Avon Fire Department and the Office of the State Fire Marshall. Preliminary investigation points to the unattended use of a candle for lighting. Power was out in the neighborhood due to the heavy snow. Avon Fire Chief Robert Spurr stated that alternate lighting and heating methods pose a serious hazard during power outages. He urged homeowners to be safe when using candles.

Red Cross assisted the occupant in finding temporary housing.

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