Lightning starts Salem home fire

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SALEM — A home in one of Oconee County's Cliffs communities was damaged significantly Saturday afternoon when lightning struck its roof.

No one inside the home at 405 Evergreen Trail in The Cliffs Keowee Falls South was injured, although two firefighters were transported to Oconee Medical Center for heat exhaustion.

Oconee County Fire Chief Charlie King said a call came in at 2 p.m. Saturday when the homeowners smelled smoke after their home was struck by lightning.

Salem Fire Department responded to the fire within eight minutes, and seven stations from northern Oconee County and Pickens County assisted in containing th fire, which began in the roof.

"There was significant damage, but we think the home is still livable," King said.

Keowee Falls South is a gated community near Nimmons Bridge Road in Salem.

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