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Fire destroyed a newly built home on Keowee Bay Circle in Salem on Friday afternoon.

Fire rips through newly built lake house in Salem

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SALEM — No one was injured in a fire that ripped through a newly built Salem lake house Friday afternoon.

Oconee County Fire Chief Charlie King said a call came in at 2:34 p.m. Friday for a house fire in the area of Keowee Bay Circle.

“One unit was in the area for a medical incident and arrived on scene within minutes to find a large square footage lake home well involved in fire, with the woods spreading toward two adjacent

homes,” King said in a release. “The home was determined to be a newly constructed home, still unoccupied.”

More than a dozen agencies from Oconee and Pickens counties worked for more than two hours to extinguish the fire, according to King.

“The 90-degree heat played a heavy toll on firefighters, and we are thankful to the Salem and Keowee Rescue squads for providing incredible rehab support to team members on scene,” King said.