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MOUNT VERNON—Mount Vernon Fire Department responded to reports of a structure fire on West Highland Street Tuesday at 1 p.m. Upon arriving at the residence, crews observed smoke coming from inside the home.

The home was occupied at the time of the fire, and all of the occupants—one adult and three children—were found safely on the front porch when crews arrived.

Firefighters made their way into the burning home in time to extinguish the flames which appeared to have started on the kitchen stovetop, before spreading up a wall and producing smoke throughout the structure.

The home had no working smoke detectors. Smoke detectors often provide early alert to fire danger, saving lives and property. The Mount Vernon Fire Department urges residents to ensure they have working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors on each floor of their homes; and that the detectors are checked routinely.

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