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LATE NIGHT FIRE DISPLACES FAMILY OF TWO

Northglenn, CO—At approximately 12:29 a.m. on July 30, 2008 North Metro Fire Rescue responded to a confirmed town home fire at 11217 Grant Drive in Northglenn. Fire crews could see flames coming from the two-story town home upon arrival. This fire was threatening adjacent town homes on both sides.

North Metro and Thornton Firefighters worked on the blaze, containing it to only one town home. A teenage daughter and her mother were not home at the start of the fire. A North Metro Fire Investigator determined that the origin of the fire was a second floor bedroom. Through the investigation, North Metro discovered that power had been turned off in the home and the family had been living by candle light in the evening hours. A family member had unintentionally failed to blow out a candle before leaving the home and the lit candle tipped over and ignited materials on top of a dresser.

The town home is unlivable due to extensive fire damage to the second floor and smoke damage throughout the structure. The family has no renters insurance and stayed with a family member nearby. The estimated dollar loss of both property and contents is \$45,000.

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response and rescue services to their community. Formed in 1946, the district now covers 115 square miles with a population of approximately 90,000 people including the City and County of Broomfield, the City of Northglenn and unincorporated areas of Boulder, Adams, Weld, and Jefferson Counties.

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