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It appears that an electrical short in the attic is to blame for a structure fire early Sunday morning at a home in the 800 block of Southwest Sundown Trail in Burleson.

A neighbor alerted the residents to the heavy smoke coming from the home at approximately 7:55 a.m. Three adults, two dogs and two cats got out safely. A third cat is still missing but was not found at the scene of the fire.

Burleson firefighters arrived shortly before 8 a.m. on March 16 to find a well-involved fire in the attic of the 1,500 square foot home. Crews from Engine 1, Engine 2 and Ladder 33 initially attacked the blaze from inside the home, but had to pull out and go in to defensive mode when the fire broke through the roof and the roof began to sag. The fire took off quickly due to the high north winds. The ladder crew was able to get above the fire and knock the fire down, allowing the ground crews to get back inside.

Most of the fire damage was in the attic area, but the home did sustain extensive water and smoke damage throughout the structure. The American Red Cross responded to assist the family.

The Crowley Fire Department assisted Burleson at the scene while the Fort Worth Fire Department responded to cover any other fire calls within the city.