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PRESS RELEASE

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Subject: House fire and rescue of residents on 5/17/2020 on Warm Springs Reservation.

On Sunday, 5/17/2020, at approximately 11 pm, police officers from the Warm Springs Tribal Police Department (WSTPD) were dispatched to a reported residential fire occurring on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation.

Upon arriving at the location, officers noted that billowing clouds of smoke, and fire were coming from the residence. It was at this time that the officers were notified by a member of the community that they believed people might still be in the location.

WSTPD Officers Caleb Saulo, Brandon Durbin, and Conservation Officer Alex Esselstrom entered the residence and were able to locate the two residents, a Mr. Harold Brown and Mr. Lamont Brown, who were unconscious inside the house.

Once outside these officers began administering CPR, and with the assistance of WSTPD Officer Derek Domhoff, provided emergency medical assistance until the arrival of the Warm Springs Tribal Fire Department, at which time took over medical care and subsequently transported the victims to a local hospital.

The cause of the fire is currently under investigation and no further information available at this time.

