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## **Firefighters save house and 2 cats in large garage fire**

BRIGHTON--Greater Brighton Fire crews responded to a structure fire at 15491 Riverdale Road in Brighton Monday night (Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>). The fire, which started in the garage, quickly spread to the attached home and attic.

Firefighters were faced with the challenge of having no fire hydrants in the area. However, four large tankers were brought to the scene to get a quick handle on the fire. The tankers fill up with water, then return to the scene to dump their load into large holding tanks. Even with this added challenge, firefighters were able to save the majority of the home.

Fire crews initially began to fight the hot blaze from inside the home. At one point, due to concerns of a chimney collapse, crews were evacuated. Several teams continued to fight the blaze from the outside the house. A second evaluation of the situation determined that it would be safe to send firefighters back in the home, where they finished extinguishing the fire.

Prior to leaving their home to stay at a son's house for the night, the homeowner was allowed to briefly enter the home to retrieve medication as well as a few other items that were not damaged by the fire.

Initial investigations show that the fire started in a vehicle that was parked in the garage and quickly spread to the other vehicle as well as to the rest of the garage. The two sleeping occupants of the home were notified of the fire by smoke alarms. No civilians, firefighters, or pets were injured in the fire. The two family felines were found in the basement of the home unharmed but anxious, and were returned to their owners by firefighters.