



# City of Cottonwood Fire & Medical Department



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### Cottonwood Fire & Medical Department responds to structure fire

Just after 3:30 am on Thursday morning, December 17, 2015, the Cottonwood Fire and Medical Department responded to a report of a structure fire in the 1300 block of East Gila St. Upon arrival fire personnel found a small structure fully involved in fire. The structure involved was identified to be a shed structure being utilized as temporary housing for a female occupant. The female occupant had awakened to discover smoke and fire in the structure and had safely exited the structure prior to fire personnel arrival. Unfortunately, the occupant's 4 dogs perished in the fire. The fire was controlled by firefighters within 15 minutes of their arrival, however the fire took over an hour to fully extinguish due to a high fuel load in the structure. Fire damage to the structure is extensive and the fire cause is under investigation. Assistance was provided by Verde Valley Fire District.

For more information please contact Cottonwood Fire & Medical Department at 928-634-2741.