

Three Departments Respond To Byrd Ridge Road Fire

Three departments responded to a house fire on the Byrd Ridge Road, approximately a quarter-mile from N.C. 18, at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Mulberry-Fairplains and Mountain View firemen were dispatched to the home of Richard and Pam Griffin and quickly called for backup from North Wilkesboro.

Griffin said he left a pan of oil on the stove, and the oil overheated and caught fire while he was out of the room.

“The fire was already out of hand when I discovered it,” said Griffin. “The kitchen was engulfed. It wasn’t a place where I wanted to hang around.”

Firemen arrived on the scene quickly, Griffin said, and knocked down the fire.

“I’m just grateful that they got here so quickly, and that the fire didn’t go through the roof,” Griffin added.

Daniel Lambert, a lieutenant with the Mulberry-Fairplains department, said that fire damage was confined to the kitchen and attic area while there was smoke damage to the remainder of the house.