

Three dogs rescued from Loretto Drive fire

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Firefighters overhaul a wall at 91 Loretto Drive on July 23rd moments after they extinguished a fire. (Jim Herr/Cheektowaga Chronicle)

CHEEKTOWAGA – Ryan Miller was doing work on his Loretto Drive home around 1:30 pm Monday and smelled something burning.

“I thought it was my drill,” said Mr. Miller. He didn’t think anything of it until his stepmom noticed that the house two doors down was on fire.

“There were flames coming out the back corner and smoke,” he says. “She goes running, and then somebody started screaming that there were three dogs inside.”

Mr. Miller and another person got into the house and made an attempt to save the pets.

“We went in and grabbed two of them, couldn’t find the third. I went back in and looked in the basement, the house, and couldn’t find anything,” he said. “None of the dogs had collars on them, so we grabbed some leashes inside and got the dogs over here.”

Several neighboring fire departments came to the aid of Cleveland Hill firefighters after the fire was called into 911.

“Mostly an exterior attack and then we sent a crew upstairs just to make sure there was no extension,” said Cleveland Hill 3rd Assistant Chief Brian Fischer. “It looks like it spread a little bit into the rafters of the house inside the attic.”



Flames shoot from the back of 91 Loretto Drive on July 23rd. (Jim Herr/Cheektowaga Chronicle)

The fire caused minimal damage to the home and was under investigation by Cheektowaga Police.

Cheektowaga Chronicle observed one firefighter getting checked out by an ambulance crew, but he remained on duty. Mr. Fischer says no one was hurt.

No one was home at the time of the fire, and the third dog was found in the backyard.

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