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## Airdrie House Fire Caused by Linseed Oil

AIRDRIE, AB – On Wednesday, July 28, 2010 at 3 pm, the Airdrie Fire Department responded to a house fire in the neighbourhood of Sunridge. Upon arrival, one single-family dwelling was engulfed. The Airdrie Fire Department was able to quickly contain the fire. No one was injured in the fire and a dog, rescued at the scene, was taken to a veterinarian and has since been returned in good health to the owners.

“The Airdrie Fire Department did a great job in acting quickly and knocking down the fire, preventing it from spreading to other homes in the neighbourhood,” says Ken Hubbard, Assistant Chief - Training, Airdrie Fire Department.

Linseed oil had been applied to the deck the previous day using rags. The rags were left in a plastic bucket to dry. The next day, heat from the sun caused a thermal reaction of rags with the linseed oil, igniting the rags on fire. The fire spread to the deck, then the house.

The two adjacent homes sustained minor damage to the siding and fences. Estimated damage to the affected home is \$300,000.

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