**NORTH CAROLINA FIRE KILLS COAST GUARD FAMILY MEMBERS; CG FOUNDATION ASKS FOR SUPPORT**

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Four people, including three members of a Coast Guard family, died Oct. 23 in a fire in Buxton, North Carolina.

The blaze broke out in the duplex at 46110 Cape Hatteras Lane shortly after 4 A.M. Friday. The wife of a Coast Guard member, Trina Ramsey, and the couple’s daughters Zoey, 7, and Emma, 4, were killed in the fire. Her husband is stationed in Guam. They lived in the left-hand duplex unit, Dare County Emergency Management Director Drew Pearson said Wednesday. The structure was formerly Coast Guard housing, but is now private and is not part of any privately-owned military housing.

Sarah Quigley, a fishing charter captain who lived in the right-hand half of the duplex, was killed. Her husband suffered smoke inhalation and multiple broken bones after escaping the flames by jumping from a second-story window. Their children were visiting grandparents and were not at home.

The Coast Guard Foundation is appealing for donations to support this CG family, and that of ENS Morgan Garrett, who died Oct. 23 in the crash of a Navy training aircraft:

<https://coastguardfoundation.org/news/coast-guard-foundation-support-for-families-in-need>

**You can donate** [**HERE**](https://coastguardfoundation.salsalabs.org/cgf-rapid-response/index.html?sl_tc=EA2ffemergency-oct2020&utm_source=EA2ffemergency-oct2020&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=CGF-2020&eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=ec70ce46-e49c-4aa5-8dc2-25a1ee0d6db9)**.**

More information about the fire: The Buxton Volunteer Fire Department was assisted by Hatteras and Frisco Volunteer Fire Departments, who initially responded to reports of visible flames coming from the residence. Following the initial response, a second alarm was sounded, and crews from the Avon Volunteer Fire Department also responded.

Dare County EMS, the Dare County Sheriff’s Office, Hatteras Island Rescue, Kill Devil Hills Fire Marshal, and the American Red Cross were also on scene to assist.

The fire caused severe damage to neighboring residences on Cape Hatteras Lane.

Investigators from the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation, Office of the State Fire Marshal, the Dare County Sheriff’s Office and the Dare County Fire Marshal, assisted by Buxton firefighters continue to investigate the cause of the fire.

*(Information from USCG and civilian sources was included in this report)*