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Allston fire displaces eight for second time in a week

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(Courtesy Boston Fire Department)

An Allston home's slate roof, along with adjacent trees and utility wires, caused complications for firefighters who needed three different types of ladders in order to extinguish an attic fire there Monday.

By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

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A fire at a two-family Allston home with no smoke detectors displaced eight and caused \$250,000 in damage Monday afternoon, according to city fire officials.

The property, 14 Farrington Ave., will be examined Tuesday by the city's inspection services department to determine how the house was being used. Officials said the home is zoned as a two-family residential building but was set up with nine bedrooms inside, including three in the attic where the one-alarm fire began at around 4 p.m.







There were no injuries, most of the two-and-a-half story building's residents were not home when the house caught. One firefighter who was hospitalized with shortness of breath was treated and released, a fire department spokesman said.

While finding smoke detectors with dead batteries or detectors that aren't working properly is not all that uncommon, officials said it was unusual to see an entire building void of the devices altogether.

Red Cross was called to the scene to assist the displaced, and the fire's cause remains under investigation.

A fire at a home on Empire Street in Allston a week ago Monday also displaced eight and caused the same amount in damage.

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