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## **NEWS RELEASE**

## APD NEWS RELEASE:

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Incident: Suspicious Fire on Oakhill Drive

Abbotsford – August 27, 2011.

Last night at 7:45 pm several witnesses and neighbours reported hearing an explosion and observing a fire at a home in the 34000 block of Oakhill Drive. The fire appeared to originate on the ground floor of the home but quickly moved through to the roof of the structure. Some witnesses reported observing a man running from the area immediately following the ignition of the fire. Abbotsford Police department officers initiated interviews with witnesses and a K9 unit attempted to obtain a track from where the man was last observed running.

Abbotsford Fire Rescue Service members worked diligently to extinguish the fire and the scene was ultimately assessed by both a fire investigator and an Abbotsford Police Department Major Crime Unit detective. The fire has been deemed suspicious. Fortunately there were no occupants in the home and no injuries were incurred by first responders or area residents.

The Abbotsford Police Department is seeking witnesses and persons with information about this incident. Anyone with information should call Abbotsford Police at 604-859-5225 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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