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Bath Township Fire Department Responds to RV Fire

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Fire Destroys Bath Township Camper and Damages Three Homes Early Sunday

The Bath Township Fire Department responded to 1470 Stewart Rd. for a camper on fire after being spotted by a passerby at 4:12 a.m. Firefighters arrived to find a camper attached to a pickup truck in the driveway and the camper fully involved. The exterior of the house at 1470 Stewart Rd. was also on fire. Two other houses located at 1502 and 1506 Stewart Rd. sustained heat damage. The home is owned by Michelle Sterling, of Lima, and was occupied at the time. Two occupants, two dogs, and three cats escaped the home that was on fire without injury. Firefighters were slowed in fully extinguishing the fire because of a downed active powerline. AEP was notified and shut the power down approximately 30 minutes later, so firefighters could finish extinguishment. The fires were extinguished in about an hour.

The camper is a total loss estimated at \$20,000 with an additional \$15,000 in contents. The house damage is estimated at \$40,000. The fire is not suspicious in nature and remains under investigation. The Fire Department was on the scene for about 2 1/2 hours. The American Township Fire Department and Lima Fire Department assisted the Bath Township Fire Department.

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