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Beaufort firefighters use special nozzle to attack Mossy Oaks attic fire Monday

Beaufort-Port Royal firefighters used a special tool to fight an attic fire in Mossy Oaks Monday, allowing them to quickly extinguish the blaze with minimal damage to the house and no injuries to anyone.

Neighbors of the Mystic Circle property alerted dispatch about the fire at 3 p.m. Monday. When firefighters arrived moments later, flames already were billowing from the roof at the rear of the house.

“We entered the structure using a normal nozzle, and we backed it up with a special attachment designed for attic fires called the ‘Attic Fire Attack Suppression Technology,’ or AFAST for short,” said Capt. John Robinson of the Beaufort-Port Royal Fire Department.

The AFAST nozzle allows a very small crew of firefighters to easily get water into most attics right where it needs to go, while minimizing the risk and property damage, Robinson said.

Firefighters got the blaze under control within minutes and continued to extinguish hot spots for about an hour. No one was home at the time of the fire. The Beaufort/Port Royal fire departments were aided by the Burton Fire District and Beaufort County Emergency Medical Services.

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