**MEDIA RELEASE**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: May 10, 2021

Contact: Michael Williams, Assistant Chief of Operations

Telephone: 863-834-8296

Cell: (863) 860-9011

Fax: (863) 834-8222

Email: Michael.williams@lakelandgov.net

 **Early Morning Fire Displaces Two**

Lakeland, FL –

An early morning structure fire occurred at 925 Clearview Avenue in Lakeland, displacing two adults. The Lakeland Fire Department received the 911 call at 7:07 a.m., arriving minutes later to find the single story, residential home with heavy smoke and fire showing from the interior. Two occupants were able to safely self-evacuate before the arrival of emergency services and were not injured as a result of the fire. Significant damage was sustained to the home from the fire, rendering the dwelling uninhabitable. The American Red Cross is assisting with temporary shelter and support. Lakeland Fire Department Fire Investigators determined the cause of the fire as electrical in nature, due to an overloaded multi-plug adapter. Please use this unfortunate incident as a reminder to have working smoke alarms in the home and to establish home exit plans with family in the event of an emergency.

-END-