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**PRESS RELEASE**

On Wednesday, July 7, at 5:07 a.m., the Sioux County Communications Center received report of a large fire five and one half miles southwest of Rock Valley, IA.

The Sioux County Sheriff's Office, Rock Valley Fire Department, Rock Valley Ambulance and the Rock Valley Police Department responded to a structure fire located at 3651 Eagle Ave. At the time of the fire the rural farm house was believed to be vacant; according to the property owners nobody was living at the residence. When the first officer arrived the house was fully engulfed in flames. It's believed to be a total loss.

The fire was contained to the house and no other buildings were damaged.

The cause of the fire is under investigation and the State Fire Marshall has been called for assistance.

The investigation is ongoing.