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TWO CHILDREN DEAD AFTER BIG LAKE HOUSE FIRE

Two young children are dead and their father is in critical condition after a fire early Friday at their Big Lake house, according to Sheriff Joel Brott.

Big Lake police and firefighters responded at 5:37 a.m. to a residence in the 19000 block of Karen Lane. Rescue personnel breached the door of the house and rescued five people, including four children.

All were taken to area hospitals. Big Lake police requested assistance of the Sherburne County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division and the scene was turned over the county investigators.

Two of the children taken to the hospital died, Brott said. They were identified as Landon Michael Parker, 2, and Spencer Rae Parker, 1.

Their father, Anthony Robert Parker, 36, was hospitalized as were two other children, ages 9 and 7, Brott said.

Investigators believe that Anthony Parker intentionally set the fire. He is being guarded by investigators while being treated at the hospital.

The State Fire Marshal's Office will issue a final determination on the cause of the fire.

No further information will be released at this time.