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Staff reports

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Westlake's fire chief says a New Year's Eve fire that displaced the department started in the firehouse kitchen.

Westlake Fire Chief Richard Whitten told NBC 5 that firefighters had been cooking dinner before responding to an accident call. He said they had turned off all burners on the stove, but a hot pad or some other flammable item likely "just got too close to the warm burner."

The firefighters returned from the call to find their own living quarters in flames.

Firefighters from Southlake, Keller, Roanoke and Trophy club helped extinguish the blaze.

No one was injured. Until their station can be rebuilt, Westlake firefighters will operate out of a nearby station in Southlake

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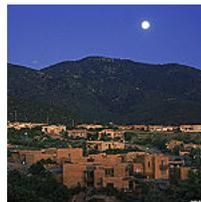
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