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Many thanks to the Groveland Fire Department!

On Thursday evening an unspeakable tragedy happened to Pine Mountain Lake residents Kerry McAndrews and her daughter Emma. Their house and literally all of their personal possession were destroyed by fire. Kerry and Emma weren't home (Kerry was out fund raising for her dear friend Megan, who fell and broke her back a week earlier), so the dearest of all things are safe, Kerry and Emma were not physically harmed. I believe that a fund has been set up at Yosemite Bank if you would like to help them get 'back on their feet'. God Bless them!

This tragedy was held to just one home up on our hill, and credit for that can go to PML Safety (who got the first call, and reacted very quickly to call the fire department) and then, the heroic efforts of our Groveland Fire Department. We would like to personally thank each and every firefighter who worked diligently to keep the blazing inferno contained to just one home. To the best of our knowledge, there was no damage to either of the homes next door, or across the street. We watched as many firefighters fought the fire, sprayed water on the surrounding homes, and also came to offer their support to Kerry as she watched from across the street. What a group effort it was.

We are all very lucky to have such professional men and women involved with our fire department. Thanks GFD! Very much.

Jim and Jan Knudson