

# Fires in Zellwood, Winter Park spoil holiday for 2 families

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**WINTER PARK** — A father broke a window to rescue his son from their burning house Monday as fires marked the holidays of two Central Florida families.

In a Winter Park neighborhood just off Park Avenue, a Monday morning blaze injured Ron Pecora and his 8-year-old son, Dylan, and killed Sassy, the family dog.

Lauren Pecora, 12, said she was asleep when the fire started about 10 a.m. in the living room.

She awoke to her father yelling, "There's a fire!" and fled through a back door, she said.

Her father also escaped, but Dylan was trapped and Pecora had to break a back window and re-enter the house to rescue his son.

Ron Pecora suffered minor burns, while Dylan was treated for smoke inhalation. They were taken to Florida Hospital Orlando.

✓ The house at 413 Park North Court was badly damaged by fire and smoke, Winter Park Deputy Fire Chief Jim White said. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Earlier Monday in Zellwood, a fire destroyed a home but caused no injuries.

Three children and three adults were in the home at 3314 S. Janet St. when the fire started at 2:15 a.m., said Orange County fire Lt. LaRon Graham.

One of the children, 8-year-old Lisa Nichols, alerted the others to the fire, and everyone escaped unharmed.

The family is staying with relatives. The cause of the fire is under investigation.