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Man loses truck to fire, *keeps neighbors safe*



This 2005 Dodge Ram 1500 pickup truck was lost to fire Tuesday morning (Nov. 7). It is seen here shortly after 8:30 a.m. on the road next to Breezy Acres, northeast of U.S. Alt 27 and Northeast 20th Avenue.

Story and Photos

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LEVY COUNTY -- A 75-year-old man from Michigan could not save his truck from fire, but he may have saved his neighbors from property loss and other injuries Tuesday morning (Nov. 7).

Robert Allen had the presence of mind, Levy County Sheriff's Deputy C. Roe said, to not pull his truck into the Breezy Acres Adult RV Park, on the northeast corner of the intersection of U.S. Alt. 27 and Northeast 20th Avenue, between Levyville and Levy County Road 339.

Allen's 2005 Dodge Ram 1500 pickup had caught fire under its hood.

Allen said he is sorry to see this happen to the truck, which is paid off. He has no other vehicle and will be depending on help from his neighbors in Breezy Acres for local transportation now. Of course, he might be able to arrange some transport via Levy County Transit.

Bronson Fire Rescue sent an engine and a tanker to extinguish the fire. Firefighters Paul Anderson, Nick Barrett Adam Macedward and Cliff Guido stopped the fire, but not before it had destroyed the Dodge.

Had Allen not chosen to drive along the road rather than pulling into Breezy Acres, there is a possibility that structure or pine trees might have caught on fire and caused more loss.

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Bronson Fire Rescue Firefighter Paul Anderson directs water into the engine compartment to douse some smoldering areas as BFR Firefighter Nick Barrett stands behind him and holds the hose.



Bronson Firefighter Paul Anderson sprays water on the area near the fuel intake point for the vehicle. The cuffs of his bunker gear appear to be glowing as they reflect light from a camera flash.