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The Wadena County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a motor vehicle crashing into a house

shortly before 1:00 AM on Saturday morning. Upon the arrival of deputies, the truck had caught fire and subsequently caught the house on fire. Fire departments from Wadena and Verndale arrived and quickly extinguished the fire. The house sustained severe damage in the fire and the truck was a total loss.

The driver of the vehicle, 23 year old Joshua Farber, was taken to Tri-County Healthcare by Tri-County Ambulance for injuries sustained in the crash. A passenger in the vehicle was not found on scene but was later located with minor injuries. The five occupants of the house were sleeping at the time and all were able to escape without injury.

The case is still under investigation but it is believed that alcohol and speed played a factor in the crash. The Wadena County Sheriff's Office was also assisted on scene by the Wadena and Verndale Police Departments, K & K Towing, and Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative.