

Fire crews get flames at Formentera house fire under control

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Formentera fire fighters have controlled a fire that broke out in a home in the es Pi des Català neighbourhood. The alert was first sounded by a neighbour at 12.30am, early in the morning on Thursday, August 25. Brigade chief Iván Marí pointed to the already advanced stage of the blaze when his men arrived on the scene as evidence that “the fire had probably been going for some time”. Though the crew was able to control the flames by 1.15am, the fire wasn't entirely extinguished until 3.40am.

Marí said the cause of the fire was not immediately clear, although he allowed for the possibility that the source was electric. He highlighted the fact the house's occupants —away from home at the time of the fire— escaped injury. The approximately 90-square-metre home was completely destroyed by the flames. The response crew was formed by three Formentera fire fighters, who had use of a firetruck, a pickup and a patrol car of Formentera local police.