



**MICHAEL
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**STEPHEN
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**CRAIG
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Quick action by a team of first-responders saved the life of a Waltham, Mass., man who had been overcome by smoke inhalation and was lying unconscious at the top of the stairs at his summer home near Hermit Lake on a Sunday morning last October.

Robert Livoti and his wife Betty had been awakened by a smoke alarm after 6 a.m. Livoti helped his wife out of the window onto the roof of the back porch. She dropped to the ground and ran to a neighbor's home to report the fire.

Livoti then tried to get to the first-floor fire and was overcome by smoke.

Sanbornton firefighter Craig Simpson, who lives nearby and drove his own vehicle to the scene, was first to arrive.

Even though he had no equipment or breathing apparatus with him, Simpson attempted to reach in through the sliding door and locate Livoti. He was turned back by the smoke and flames.

Within minutes a New Hampton fire truck arrived on the scene and firefighters Evan Hacker and Mike Drake took a hose into the front of the building, which had a wood pile and a couch on fire in the living room.

New Hampton firefighter Steve Harris then entered the building with the department's thermal imaging camera, which helped him find Livoti.

Harris ran up the stairs and grabbed him by the clothes and pulled him outside. Livoti was unconscious and not breathing well when he was rescued.