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An Oden Ridge (AL) fire rig drove through a house while responding on a run yesterday afternoon and some folks are questioning the **age** of the apparatus driver. Firefighter Ben Cahela, 18, was driving the apparatus when he overcorrected, leaving the road into the direction of the home. Firefighter Jessica Bullard, 19, was the other FF in the truck. Both were wearing seatbelts and were transported to Decatur General Hospital for treatment of injuries.

The apparatus flipped several times before coming to a rest inside the living room. No one was home at the time except for a pest control worker. Homeowner Rita Williamson (and family) found out about the crash when she was told that a fire truck went through her house. The mother and son say they were told a 19-year-old was driving the truck. Local media reports that she stated: "**In my opinion, I do not think a 19-year-old is qualified to drive a fire truck to any circumstance as a call.**" They also say officials told them there had been a number of false alarms and prank calls made by someone who stole a firefighter's radio. "It is sad. I am sure it was some kid. I do not know how they figured that this was funny making false calls like that because it's not," added Ms. Williamson.

Maybe it's the age?...maybe it's the training. Fortunately they were belted in.

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