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Incident Press Release
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2984 Dartmouth Ln.
House Fire

On October 21, 2012, West Dundee Fire Department responded to a house fire located at 2984 Dartmouth in West Dundee. Upon arrival the first arriving companies encountered heavy fire in the attached garage in the front of the building. Immediately, a box alarm was requested to a level one for additional resources from neighboring departments.

The initial dispatch was 2047 hours with initial crews arriving at 2051 hrs. The fire was under control at 2117 hrs. The call was completed at 0017 hrs October 22, 2012.

Multiple hand-lines were deployed to extinguish the fire and to protect neighboring houses. The fire extended into the attic area. The fire was contained to the garage and attic area. The fire was stopped from entering the living area of the house, largely from the sprinkler system holding the fire in check until interior crews could enter the building to complete extinguishment. The house had smoke and water damage. There were also 3 cars destroyed by the fire.

The residents were home when the fire began and were alerted by a smoke detector and had to quickly exit. The home is uninhabitable and they spent the night with friends.

Initially, the fire was intense and melted the siding on a neighboring house. There was no fire extension in the neighbor's house. The residents of this home were able to return the same night.

The fire was fought by 39 firefighters staffing 6 engines, 3 ladder trucks, 3 ambulances which responded to the scene along with 6 command officers. Besides the fire crews from West Dundee, the other fire departments responding were Rutland, Carpentersville, East Dundee, Algonquin, Elgin, Hoffman Estates, Huntley, Pingree Grove and South Elgin. Bartlett, Streamwood, Hampshire and Burlington responded for a change of quarters. The Kane County Fire Investigator Task Force, West Dundee Police, Kane County Emergency Management and Red Cross also assisted.

No civilians or firefighters were injured. At the time of this release, the cause of the fire remains under investigation and damage estimates are not yet available.

Early detection and having a sprinkler system in the residence played an important role in this fire by allowing the residents to evacuate safely while helping to hold the fire in check. The West Dundee Fire Department reminds everyone to have working smoke detectors in their homes and to practice fire safety.