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NEWS RELEASE

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Fire Damages Single Family Home

On Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at 12:52 PM, the Mount Prospect Fire Department responded to a structure fire on the 500 block of North Elm Street. First arriving fire companies were on the scene within four minutes and reported fire coming from the second floor of a two-story single-family home. The fire was brought under control within 20 minutes, but crews continued working on the scene for two hours. Assistance was provided by neighboring fire departments including, Des Plaines, Prospect Heights, Glenview and Rolling Meadows.

The incident is currently under investigation and while the cause of the fire has not yet been determined, it appears unintentional in nature. All occupants were able to evacuate the burning structure prior to the arrival of the fire department and no injuries were reported. One pet however did perish in the fire.

Due to damage from the fire and the necessity to shut off utilities, residents were unable to return to the home. Mount Prospect Police and Human Services responded to assist with the displaced residents and the Building Department was on the scene to ensure the building's structural integrity. Damages are estimated at \$125,000

"This fire could have been much worse if not for the occupants being alerted by a properly placed and working smoke alarm. It allowed all residents to safely evacuate and call 911. The crews did an excellent job quickly bringing the fire under control and limiting structural damage," said Chief John Dolan.

For more information regarding fire safety questions, please feel free to contact the Mount Prospect Fire Prevention Bureau at 847-818-5253.

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