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NEWS RELEASE

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Fire Damages Single Family Home

On Thursday, September 15, 2022 at approximately 7:25 PM, the Mount Prospect Fire Department responded to a structure fire on the 900 block of East Central Road. The first fire companies to arrive were on the scene within four minutes and reported heavy fire coming from the attached garage of a two-story single-family home. The fire extended into the home but was brought under control within 30 minutes. Crews continued working on the scene for three hours with the assistance of neighboring fire departments including, Des Plaines, Prospect Heights, Glenview and Rolling Meadows.

The fire has been determined unintentional in nature and most likely caused by cooking. All occupants, including pets, were able to evacuate the burning structure prior to the arrival of the fire department and no civilian injuries were reported. However, one firefighter did suffer a minor injury.

Due to damage from the fire and the necessity to shut off utilities, residents were unable to return to the home but with the assistance of Mount Prospect Police and Human Services, the residents have temporary housing. Damages to the home are estimated at \$200,000.

"There was a significant amount of fire when crews arrived on and they did an excellent job quickly bringing the fire under control and limiting structural damage. Cooking is still the leading cause of fire in the United States and it is important everyone practice safe cooking both inside and outside the home," said Chief John Dolan.

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

