



Village of Mount Prospect **Press Release**

Mount Prospect Fire Department Responds to Structure Fire in 1000 Block of Arbor Court

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On Monday, July 15, at approximately 9:56 PM, the Mount Prospect Fire Department was dispatched to the 1000 block of Arbor Court for a possible structure fire. Within minutes of hearing a loud boom, the residents reported seeing smoke coming from an electrical outlet. Initial companies arrived within three and a half minutes, at 10:00 PM, and reported smoke from several fixtures and outlets in the building.

Crews upgraded the alarm to a working structure fire. The fire was found in the walls, between the first and second-floor joists, and in an exterior vent. Crews were able to extinguish the fire quickly and had it under control at 10:12 PM, twelve minutes after the arrival of the first companies. No injuries were reported, and all residents exited the house safely. Crews from Arlington Heights and Des Plaines assisted in putting out the fire. Damages are estimated at \$75,000, and the cause of the fire is under investigation.

The residence had working smoke detectors, which cuts the risk of dying in a home fire in half, according to the National Fire Prevention Association. "Every second counts in an emergency, so I want to remind residents to have properly working smoke detectors in their homes," says Deputy Fire Chief Tom Wang. To ensure smoke detectors are in working condition, residents should test them monthly and replace them every ten years, or as needed.

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

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