



AURORA FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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AURORA FIREFIGHTERS CONTAIN SECOND FLOOR STRUCTURE FIRE IN MIXED-USE BUILDING

Aurora, IL – On April 17th at approximately 8:30 p.m., the Aurora Fire Department responded to a structure fire in the 1000 block of Dearborn Avenue. The fire occurred in a two-story, mixed-use building containing a mechanic shop and residence. A total of 5 engine companies, 2 truck companies, 2 medic units, and 3 chief officers—26 personnel in all—responded to the scene.

Arriving fire units encountered heavy smoke and flames coming from second-floor windows. Firefighters entered through the front of the building and advanced up the interior stairs, where they encountered high heat and active fire on the second floor. Multiple hose lines were deployed to attack the fire, supported by crews who established a water supply and set up a backup line. Simultaneously, searches were conducted on both floors to confirm the building was unoccupied, and utilities were secured to prevent further hazards.

The fire was brought under control following extensive overhaul to check for hidden fire. One person who arrived on scene was treated for minor smoke inhalation and released. The building was deemed uninhabitable, and board-up services were initiated after the scene was secured.

“This fire highlights how quickly flames can spread in older mixed-use buildings,” said Aurora Fire Chief David McCabe. “Our firefighters did an outstanding job bringing this incident under control before it could spread to adjacent properties.”

The cause of the fire remains under investigation. For additional information, please contact the Aurora Fire Department at (630) 256-4000.

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