



# AURORA FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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## Aurora Fire Department Responds to Second-Alarm Structure Fire on Lakeview Drive

Aurora, IL – On May 2, 2026, at approximately 1:17 p.m., the Aurora Fire Department responded to a reported structure fire in the 200 block of Lakeview Drive. The incident was initially dispatched as a box alarm after a homeowner returned home and discovered smoke inside the residence. Upon arrival and confirmation of an active fire inside the home, the incident was upgraded to a second alarm. A total of 25 personnel responded to the scene, including four engine companies, two truck companies, two medic units, and three chief officers.

Upon arrival, crews encountered fire conditions inside a two-story single-family residence. Firefighters advanced hose lines into the home while truck company personnel conducted primary searches of the first and second floors. Crews worked to contain the fire and check for extension throughout the structure. The fire was contained to the kitchen area.

Initial reports indicated there may have been occupants inside the home; however, all residents were confirmed safely out of the residence prior to firefighters entering. No civilian or firefighter injuries were reported. Firefighters were able to safely remove a cat from the home and reunite it with the homeowner; however, a dog was found deceased inside the home. Due to fire damage, the residence was deemed uninhabitable, displacing three adults.

“Quick coordination between responding crews helped contain the fire and prevent further spread throughout the home,” said Aurora Fire Deputy Chief Kevin Nickel. “This incident also serves as an important reminder to ensure working smoke alarms are installed and properly maintained.”

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

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