



# AURORA FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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## AURORA FIREFIGHTERS CONTAIN EARLY MORNING STRUCTURE FIRE IN DUPLEX

Aurora, IL – On May 26th at approximately 4:55 a.m., the Aurora Fire Department responded to a working structure fire in a two-story duplex in the 1500 block of Andover Circle. Responding units included five engine companies, two truck companies, three medic units, and three chief officers, for a combined total of 29 personnel.

Crews arrived to find heavy smoke and fire coming from both the first and second floors, with visible flames extending along the rear of the structure. Firefighters initiated an interior attack, but operations were briefly suspended when the initial hose line had issues due to thermal compromise, and conditions worsened. All crews were safely evacuated, and a defensive strategy was temporarily employed until it was safe to resume an interior fire attack. The fire was ultimately brought under control using three hose lines, followed by extensive overhaul to ensure complete extinguishment.

The homeowner was transported to an area hospital for possible smoke inhalation and was later transferred to another facility for further care. The fire claimed the lives of two cats and one dog, with several other pets still unaccounted for. The affected unit was declared uninhabitable. Victim Services assisted both the homeowner and a neighboring tenant who was displaced during the response.

“This was a difficult fire made more challenging by early setbacks and heavy fire conditions,” said Aurora Fire Chief David McCabe. “Our crews remained focused, adapted quickly, and worked together to bring the fire under control while protecting adjacent units and ensuring everyone’s safety.”

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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