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Aurora Fire Department Responds to Second-Alarm Structure Fire on Front Street

Aurora, IL – On June 11, 2026, at approximately 12:10 p.m., the Aurora Fire Department responded to a reported structure fire in the 600 block of Front Street. While crews were en route, Aurora Police officers arrived on scene and reported heavy smoke and fire coming from the second floor of the structure, prompting the incident to be upgraded to a second alarm. A total of 29 personnel responded to the scene, including four engine companies, three truck companies, three medic units, and four chief officers.

Upon arrival, firefighters encountered heavy fire conditions on the second floor of a 2½-story, three-unit residential building, with smoke and fire extending into the attic. Initial reports indicated a possible occupant may have been inside the structure; however, a search of the building confirmed no occupants or animals were present. The fire was brought under control within approximately 30 minutes of the initial 9-1-1 call.

The rear apartment unit on the upper floor sustained the most significant damage. Due to fire damage, the building was deemed uninhabitable, displacing three adults. The property owner is assisting the displaced tenants with temporary housing arrangements. No civilian or firefighter injuries were reported.

“Early reports indicated someone may still have been inside the building, which adds urgency and complexity to any fire response,” said Aurora Fire Deputy Chief Kevin Nickel. “Our crews quickly initiated fire attack and search operations, ensuring the structure was thoroughly searched while simultaneously bringing the fire under control.”

Crews remained on scene for more than two hours conducting overhaul operations and investigating the cause of the fire. ComEd and Nicor responded to secure utilities serving the building. 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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