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Aurora Fire Department Responds to Multiple Structure Fires Over July 4th Weekend

Aurora, Illinois – The Aurora Fire Department responded to multiple structure fires across the city during the Independence Day weekend. Several incidents required second-alarm responses, and in each case, crews worked quickly to prevent loss of life and limit damage. No fatalities were reported, and all occupants were safely accounted for thanks to the coordinated efforts of AFD personnel and partner agencies.

July 4 – Structure Fire, 1300 block of Monomy Ave. – 4:39 p.m.

Crews responded to a report of smoke and discovered a trash fire that had spread to a wooden fence and the brick exterior of an apartment building. The fire was quickly extinguished with no extension to the interior. One male resident was treated on scene for minor injuries and declined transport.

July 4 – Structure Fire, 1100 block of Pearl St. – 10:25 p.m.

A second-alarm fire broke out at a residence where callers reported the home was fully engulfed, with possible explosions and people trapped inside. Additional ambulances were requested based on the initial information. Crews arrived to find the structure heavily involved and began aggressive fire attack and search efforts. All nine occupants escaped without injury. The fire was brought under control approximately 30 minutes after the first units arrived. Ten residents were displaced, and both Victim Services and the Red Cross provided assistance.

July 5 – Structure Fire, 2400 block of Blue Spruce Ln. – 1:33 p.m.

Heavy smoke and flames were reported coming from a garage. Due to the potential for trapped occupants, a second alarm was requested. Firefighters conducted a search and swiftly brought the fire under control within 10 minutes of arrival. No one was inside, and the home was deemed habitable.

July 5 – Structure Fire, 900 block of Four Seasons Blvd. – 9:48 p.m.

Crews responded to a working garage fire reported by a resident. A second alarm was requested due to possible occupants inside the home. Firefighters rescued a 35-year-old woman from a second-floor bedroom; she was transported to the hospital with smoke inhalation. The fire was brought under control in under 10 minutes. The home was rendered uninhabitable, and the displaced residents secured temporary housing on their own.

“Our firefighters, medics, and dispatchers worked tirelessly through an extremely busy holiday

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weekend. The rapid, professional response in each of these incidents prevented far more serious outcomes,” said Aurora Fire Chief David McCabe. “We’re grateful to our mutual aid partners and police personnel who supported us on scene, and we remind residents to be vigilant when using grills, open-flame equipment, and other ignition sources—especially in hot and dry conditions.”

The exact origin and cause of all weekend fires remain under active investigation by Fire Investigators. For additional information, please contact the Aurora Fire Department at (630) 256-4000.

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