



AURORA FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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AURORA FIREFIGHTERS CONTAIN SECOND-ALARM HOUSE FIRE

Aurora, Illinois – On July 28th at approximately 7:35 p.m., the Aurora Fire Department responded to a reported structure fire at a single-family home in the 1400 block of Crestwood Drive. Based on multiple 9-1-1 calls describing the scene, the response was upgraded to a second alarm while units were en route. Responding units included 5 engine companies, 2 truck companies, 2 medic units, and 3 chief officers—for a total of 29 personnel.

First-arriving crews found a one-story home with fire showing from the front corner of the residence. One occupant was already outside and confirmed that no one else was inside. Firefighters initiated an aggressive interior fire attack while simultaneously searching for potential victims. Additional companies secured a water supply, deployed a backup hose line, and conducted ventilation, salvage, and overhaul operations. The fire was brought under control within 22 minutes and fully extinguished 31 minutes after the initial 9-1-1 call.

One firefighter sustained a shoulder injury while removing a window during the response. He was transported to an area hospital for treatment and later released. No civilian injuries were reported. The home was deemed uninhabitable. Victim Services and a board-up company assisted the resident, who is staying with family. ComEd and Nicor also responded to secure utilities.

“This incident shows how quickly a small fire can escalate, but our crews worked efficiently to stop it from spreading further,” said Aurora Fire Chief David McCabe. “We’re thankful there were no serious injuries and that the resident was able to get out safely.”

The cause of the fire remains under investigation by Aurora Fire Department investigators.

For additional information, please contact the Aurora Fire Department at (630) 256-4000.

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