



AURORA FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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AURORA FIREFIGHTERS BATTLE THIRD-ALARM HOUSE FIRE

Aurora, IL – On October 5th at approximately 11:09 a.m., the Aurora Fire Department responded to a structure fire in the 400 block of North Avenue. Initial 9-1-1 calls reported a front porch fully engulfed in flames, with additional reports of heavy smoke and fire coming from the home. A total of 4 engine companies, 4 truck companies, 2 medic units, and 4 chief officers—33 personnel in all—responded to the scene.

Arriving crews confirmed heavy fire had consumed the front porch and spread into the first and second floors as well as the attic. The fire also burned through live power lines in the front yard, creating a safety hazard and damaging one of the fire hoses. Firefighters used multiple hose lines to contain the fire and gained entry to attack it from inside. Due to a combination of fire conditions and access difficulties, a third alarm was called to bring in additional support. The fire was brought under control in under 25 minutes, with no injuries reported.

One resident was home at the time of the fire and was able to safely evacuate after discovering the porch in flames. Two cats were reported to be inside; sadly, one was found deceased, and the other was unaccounted for. The home was declared uninhabitable, and Victim Services responded to assist the displaced resident. The Red Cross was also contacted to provide additional support. Fire investigators from the Aurora Fire Department and the State Fire Marshal's Office are working to determine the origin and cause of the fire.

"This was a fast-moving fire that threatened not only the home itself, but the neighboring properties," said Aurora Fire Chief David McCabe. "Our firefighters did an outstanding job getting the fire under control quickly and safely, despite the high winds and hazards they faced."

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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