



AURORA FIRE DEPARTMENT

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AURORA FIREFIGHTERS CONTAIN TWO SEPARATE FIRES AND URGE COLD-WEATHER FIRE SAFETY

Aurora, IL – On November 27th at approximately 7:34 p.m., the Aurora Fire Department responded to a reported structure fire in the 1500 block of Karen Court. A total of 4 engine companies, 2 truck companies, 3 medic units, and 2 chief officers—26 personnel in all—responded to the scene.

First arriving firefighters observed visible flames along the side of a two-story single-family home and reported heavy smoke conditions inside. Crews quickly deployed an initial hose line to knock down the exterior flames while notifying incoming units of possible fire extension into the attic. The incident was upgraded to a full still alarm, bringing additional resources to the scene.

Backup crews arrived shortly after and deployed a second hose line into the home to address interior fire conditions. Firefighters completed a search of the structure, confirmed no occupants were inside, and worked to ventilate and overhaul the affected areas. The fire was brought under control, and utilities were secured by ComEd and Nicor. No injuries were reported. Victim Services responded to assist the displaced family, and the home was deemed uninhabitable due to fire and smoke damage.

In the late evening hours of November 28th, Aurora firefighters also responded to a chimney fire in the 200 block of Lawndale Ave. Crews located a small fire inside the chimney chase and were able to contain it before it extended into the attic or surrounding structure. The fire was extinguished, the home was ventilated, and no injuries were reported.

“This time of year is one of the busiest for house fires, as colder weather sets in and people begin using heating equipment again,” said Aurora Fire Deputy Chief Kevin Nickel. “In particular, chimney fires become more common as people light their fireplaces for the first time in months. If you plan to use your fireplace this winter, have it professionally inspected and cleaned, and always make sure the flue is clear before lighting a fire.”

Both incidents remain 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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