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AURORA FIREFIGHTERS CONTAIN STRUCTURE FIRE IN HOME ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Aurora, IL – On December 25th at approximately 12:00 p.m., the Aurora Fire Department responded to a reported structure fire in the 1900 block of Sedgegrass Trail. Multiple 9-1-1 calls were received from neighbors reporting flames visible from the home, prompting the response to be upgraded to a second alarm while crews were en route. 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 crews encountered heavy fire along the side of a two-story single-family home, with smoke pushing from the roof eaves. Firefighters began extinguishing the fire from the exterior before making entry to the second floor. Additional crews conducted searches, deployed backup hose lines, ventilated the roof, and performed overhaul operations on the exterior. The fire was brought under control within approximately 30 minutes.

All residents safely evacuated before firefighters arrived, and no injuries were reported. Due to significant fire damage, the home was declared uninhabitable. Fire crews remained on scene to assist the homeowner with retrieving personal belongings and securing the property, while ComEd and Nicor shut off utilities.

“This was a fast-moving fire with challenging access conditions, but our crews worked quickly to stop it from spreading further,” said Aurora Fire Deputy Chief Kevin Nickel. “Structure fires tend to spike during the winter months, so it’s a good time for everyone to check their smoke alarms and stay alert to fire risks around the home.”

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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