



AURORA FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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AURORA FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDS TO TWO-ALARM SINGLE FAMILY STRUCTURE FIRE

Aurora, IL – The Aurora Fire Department responded to a structure fire in the 500 block of Howard Avenue on January 14, 2025, at approximately 4:02 PM. The alarm was quickly upgraded to a second alarm due to the severity of the fire. A total of four Engine Companies, two Truck Companies, two Medic Units, and three Chief Officers were dispatched, bringing 26 personnel to the scene.

First-arriving crews encountered heavy smoke and visible flames at the rear corner of a one-story, single-family, wood-frame ranch home. Engine companies initiated an aggressive interior attack, stretching a pre-connected line through the front door while deploying a backup line and conducting a primary search, which confirmed no occupants inside the home.

Truck crews performed ventilation operations to assist with extinguishment efforts and improve visibility for interior crews. Through a coordinated effort, the fire was brought under control and fully extinguished within 32 minutes of the initial 9-1-1 call, minimizing further damage to the property and surrounding area.

Firefighters discovered a live electric wire in the backyard, which was promptly cordoned off to ensure safety. ComEd crews later rendered the wire safe. Utilities were secured, and extensive overhaul operations were conducted both inside and outside the structure. The home sustained significant fire, smoke, and water damage and was deemed uninhabitable.

Victim Services worked with the residents to arrange temporary housing. Fortunately, there were no injuries to civilians or firefighters.

“Our team’s prompt and professional response was instrumental in containing this fire and ensuring the safety of the surrounding area,” said Fire Chief David McCabe. “I encourage all residents to test their smoke alarms regularly and practice fire drills at home to be prepared for emergencies.”

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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