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Structure Fire in Hinsdale

Tuesday, October 29, 2014 – Hinsdale, IL. At approximately 4:07am this morning, the Southwest Central Dispatch 9-1-1 Center received a call from the resident at 925 S Bodin Street in Hinsdale who reported that her house was on fire. The Hinsdale Fire Department responded with a truck, an engine and an ALS ambulance. While in route, an initial report from a Hinsdale police officer, who was first to arrive on the scene, stated that the house was “fully involved.” Lieutenant Mike Neville immediately elevated the response to a box alarm, requesting additional fire resources from neighboring towns.

The first arriving Hinsdale Fire unit, ambulance 1015, reported a working fire with flames and heavy smoke coming from the rear of the house. Both residents of the home were standing out in front reporting that everyone was out of the house except for the family’s cat. An initial size up of the situation alerted Hinsdale firefighters to a large amount of fire at the back of the house, which was rapidly extending into home. It was also apparent that the power lines, electric service to the home, were compromised and actively arching in the back yard.

Members of the Hinsdale engine and ambulance crews carefully stretched an attack hose line to the rear of the home and quickly extinguished the fire on the exterior. Then they made entry into the home continuing to put out the fire on the interior and simultaneously searched for the cat. The fire was completely extinguished within minutes and the cat was found, unharmed in a closet.

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Other arriving fire units from Clarendon Hills, Western Springs, Downers Grove, Oak Brook and Pleasantview Fire Protection District assisted Hinsdale's fire crews by ventilating, securing utilities, fire investigation and overhaul. Additional fire departments from LaGrange, LaGrange Park, Westmont, Tri-State, Oak Brook Terrace, Argonne, Brookfield, and Elmhurst provided assistance to the Hinsdale Fire Department. The cause of this fire is still under investigation. However, it appears to be accidental and not suspicious in nature. Estimated damages were determined to be approximately \$50,000. Two firefighters sustained minor injuries at this incident. One firefighter was treated at the scene and released, the other was transported to Hinsdale Hospital where he was treated and later released.

Any further questions can be directed to the Hinsdale Fire Department at (630) 789-7060.

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