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Western Springs Fire Department Battles Mid-Day Fire

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WESTERN SPRINGS, IL. April 13, 2022. The Western Springs Fire Department was dispatched by the Lyons Township Area Communication Center (LTACC) at 2:05 pm on April 13, 2022, after the report of a structure fire in the 1000 block of Longmeadow Lane in Western Springs.

Upon arrival at the scene, Western Springs Engine Company 1721 reported heavy fire and smoke coming from a split-level single-family home. Western Springs Engine 1711, Truck 1719, and Ambulance 1714 also responded to the scene. Further investigation by the first arriving engine found the entire back of the structure fully involved in fire and extending into the attic. The alarm was immediately elevated by the responding crew to a full still and then a box level alarm by Incident Command, initiating a request for assistance from surrounding area fire departments.

While firefighters ensured all occupants were out of the home safely, a quick knock down of visible fire from the exterior was initiated while other crews made entry into the home with additional handlines, where they encountered heavy smoke and fire. Firefighters had to transition to a defensive strategy with elevated master streams to suppress fire in the attic area before they were able to re-enter the building to finish extinguishment in void spaces. Neighboring residences were not affected by the fire.

The cause of the fire is currently the subject of a formal fire investigation conducted under the direction of the Western Springs Fire Department. Assistance in the fire suppression effort was provided from Hinsdale, La Grange, Clarendon Hills, Westmont, Oak Brook, Lyons, La Grange Park, Brookfield, and the Pleasantview and Tri-State Fire Protection Districts.

While smoke and fire damage to the residence was significant, there were no injuries reported by the occupants or the responding fire crews.



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