



MEDIA RELEASE

Western Springs Fire Department Responds to Residential Structure Fire

WESTERN SPRINGS, IL, July 6, 2023 - The Western Springs Fire Department was dispatched by the Lyons Township Area Communication Center (LTACC) at 8:38 pm on July 5, 2023, for the report of a structure fire in the 200 block of Rugeley Road in Western Springs.

Upon arrival at the scene, Western Springs Engine Company 1721 reported heavy smoke coming from the attached garage and second story of a two-story single-family home. Western Springs Engine 1711, Truck 1719, Command 1781, and Support Units 1783 and 1782 also responded to the scene. Further investigation by the first arriving engine found fire in the interior mudroom adjacent to the attached garage. The alarm was immediately elevated to a full still response by Incident Command, which brought assistance from nine surrounding area fire departments.

While firefighters ensured that there were no occupants in the home, a quick extinguishment of fire was initiated while other crews made entry with additional hose lines, where they encountered smoke on all levels of the structure. After the fire was extinguished, crews worked to ventilate the smoke from the structure and check for any extension of fire in areas adjacent to the fire room.

The cause of the fire is currently under investigation. Assistance in the fire suppression and investigative efforts was provided by firefighters responding from the Hinsdale, La Grange, Clarendon Hills, Oak Brook, Westmont, and Riverside Fire Departments, and the Darien-Woodridge, Roberts Park, and Pleasantview 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. Two family pets perished as the result of the fire.

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