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**DATE: 1/4/2020**

**SUBJECT: Structure Fire**

**BY: Assistant Chief Clint Reff**

**NATURE OF INCIDENT: Structure fire**

**CASE NO.: 20-0124**

**INCIDENT DATE: 1/4/2020**

**INCIDENT TIME: 18:37**

**INCIDENT LOCATION: 311 E 1st St**

At 18:37 this evening, the Duluth Fire Department responded to a structure fire at 311 E 1st St. Upon arrival smoke was seen coming from the first and second floors of the two-story duplex. The occupants were alerted by the smoke detector and exited the lower unit. Crews advanced a handline to the rear of the duplex and began to attack the kitchen fire. Primary searches of both upper and lower units confirmed there were no other occupants.

Damage estimates were determined to be \$35,000 for room and contents. The lone occupant was unable to remain in the apartment and will be staying with friends. The Duluth Fire Marshal's office investigated the fire and confirmed the cause as an accidental cooking fire. There were no civilian or firefighter injuries.

Fire companies from Headquarters Station, U.M.D, and Lincoln Park Stations responded to the fire and remained on scene for over an hour.