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**City of Duluth
Duluth Fire Department
Press Release**

For Immediate Release:

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At 8:08 PM on Saturday night the Duluth Fire Department responded to a report of a house fire at 4519 London Road. It was reported by dispatch that all people were evacuated, but two dogs remained trapped inside the burning house. When firefighters arrived on the scene, heavy smoke was coming from the eaves. Flames were also billowing from the openings at the rear of the house and lapping up the siding to the second story windows. The fire on the exterior of the house was knocked down prior to entry and a hose line was advanced into the house through the rear door to knock down the main body of fire throughout the first floor.

One dog was found near the fire and did not survive the heat and smoke. A search of the home located the second dog in the basement. It was brought outside and firefighters administered oxygen to assist its breathing. It was taken to the veterinary emergency hospital by Duluth Police for smoke inhalation and is expected to recover.

The damage to the single family home was extensive. The fire on the first floor heavily burned the rooms and contents on that level. Heavy smoke damage to the rooms and contents of the second floor was also present. The damage also extended to the outside of the house when the fire breached the windows at the rear of the house. A 220 volt electrical entrance feeder also burned off after firefighters arrived on scene and created a hazard to firefighters until Minnesota Power arrived and shut it down at the pole. Damage estimates are estimated at \$200,000.

The cause of the fire is unknown at this time and is under investigation by the Duluth Fire Marshal's Office.