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**City of Duluth Fire Department**

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**DATE: 06/16/2015**  
**NATURE OF INCIDENT: Structure Fire**  
**CASE NO.: 15005540**  
**INCIDENT DATE :06/15/2015**  
**INCIDENT TIME: 7:36 PM**  
**INCIDENT LOCATION: 327 W Arrowhead Rd Duluth mn 55803**  
**SUBJECT: House Fire**  
**BY: Acting A/C Jeff Runquist**

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ON MONDAY JUNE 15 AT 7:34 PM THE DULUTH FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS DISPATCHED TO A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENT AT 327 W ARROWHEAD RD FOR REPORT OF A STRUCTURE FIRE. FIRE CREWS ARRIVED TO FIND A TWO STORY HOME WITH SMOKE SHOWING FROM THE REAR OF THE BUILDING.

AS CREWS ENTERED THE HOUSE THEY WERE MET WITH HEAVY SMOKE. THE OWNER OF THE HOME WAS FOUND SITTING IN THE BACK YARD NEAR THE REAR DOOR. HE HAD BEEN SLEEPING IN THE BASEMENT WHEN HE WAS ALERTED BY A SMOKE DETECTOR. HE THEN NOTICED SMOKE AND FLAMES JUST FEET FROM THE CHAIR HE WAS SLEEPING IN. HE WAS ABLE TO EXIT THE HOME UNDER HIS OWN POWER.

A NEIGHBOR NOTICED THE SMOKE AND CALLED 911.

AS FIRE CREWS WERE SEARCHING THE HOUSE FOR POSSIBLE VICTIMS THEY FOUND ONE CAT THAT WAS STILL ALIVE AND FOUND THE FIRE IN THE BASEMENT WHICH THEY WERE ABLE TO CONTAIN TO THE ROOM OF ORIGIN.

THERE WAS MODERATE FIRE DAMAGE TO THE BASEMENT AND SUBSTANTIAL SMOKE DAMAGE TO THE REST OF THE STRUCTURE.

THERE WERE NO INJURIES BUT GOLD CROSS AMBULANCE WAS REQUESTED TO ASSESS THE CONDITION OF THE HOME OWNER DUE TO HIM BEING IN THE HOME AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE. HE WAS CLEARED BY GOLD CROSS TO BE ABLE TO STAY ON THE SCENE.

22 FIRE PERSONEL HAD RESPONDED AND HAD THE FIRE UNDER CONTROL IN JUST MINUTES OF ARRIVING ON THE SCENE. FIRE PERSONEL WERE ON THE SCENE FOR APPROX. 2 HOURS FOR OVERHAUL AND FIRE INVESTIGATION. THE FIRE IS LISTED AS UNDETERMINED AT THIS TIME AND IS STILL BEING

INVESTIGATED.

ESTIMATED LOSE VALUE IS DETERMINED TO BE AROUND \$30,000 OR MORE.