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DATE: 4/18/2023

SUBJECT: Structure Fire

BY: Assistant Chief Dan Lattner

NATURE OF INCIDENT: Structure Fire

CASE NO.: 4159

INCIDENT DATE: 4/18/2023

INCIDENT TIME: 15:41

INCIDENT LOCATION: 3200 Block of Greysolon Pl

At 3:41 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18th the Duluth Fire Department was dispatched for a report of a fire in a single-family home in the Congdon Park neighborhood of Duluth. The report stated that there was the sound of an explosion and a fire on the outside of the house. En route to the scene smoke was visible in the area. The first arriving crews were on scene in just over 2 minutes. 4 Quint reported smoke coming from the back of the home. Crews found a fire on the rear deck of the home that was extending up the wall towards the eaves and attic. 4 Quint advanced an attack line to the rear of the structure and began extinguishing the fire. A neighbor on scene informed crews that there were 2 dogs in the house. This neighbor had also tried to extinguish the fire with a portable fire extinguisher. Crews entered the house and found the 2 dogs. The dogs were brought outside and evaluated and found to be in good health. There were no people home at the time of the fire. There was light to medium smoke within the house but the fire damage was kept to the exterior.

The occupants of the home arrived a short time later. The source of the explosion noise was traced to an aerosol can that ruptured in the fire. Crews removed the smoke from the home and overhauled the area of the fire to ensure it was fully extinguished. The occupants were not displaced by the fire.

The fire is being investigated by the Duluth Fire Marshal's office. Damage estimates are initially \$13,000 to the structure and contents. 16 firefighters responded to the scene from 4 stations and were on scene for about 1.5 hours. There were no injuries to the firefighters. The Duluth Fire Department would like to thank the Neighbor and the Duluth Police Department for their assistance.