



CITY OF LOCKPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

Date/Time of Incident: 1/16/2024 20:56 hours

Type of Incident: Residential Structure Fire

Location: 203 West Ave.

Damage Estimate: \$40,000 - Property \$5,000 - Contents

Market Value of Property: \$76,000

Personnel: 9 on duty personnel, Chief Quagliano, Second Alarm assignment, Lockport Police, & South Lockport Fire Company (standby at fire headquarters).

Narrative: Niagara County dispatched LFD for a possible residential structure fire with occupants reporting smoke in the home. 9M10, E6, T9, Reserve E1, & M62 responded under the direction of Assistant Chief Fredrickson. On arrival smoke was visible venting from the eaves of the roof, but no visible fire. The initial fire suppression crew, led by LT Lane, advanced a 1.75" hand line in through the front door and found smoke and light heat conditions but no active fire. Upon opening the living room ceiling into the attic space, active fire was found but quickly extinguished with approximately 300 gallons of water. No other fire was discovered in the residence upon a completed search. All fire damage was contained to the attic space directly above the living room. Water and overhaul damage was contained to the living room area, and most contents within the remainder of the home were undamaged.

Occupants were home at the time of the fire and were able to leave the residence on their own without injury, however all 3 (mother and two children ages 5 & 6) are displaced. The Red Cross is assisting them with housing.

No injuries to fire personnel were reported during this incident.

Crews operated on scene for approximately 1 hour.

Fire Cause: The fire is believed to be accidental in nature and a possible electrical/wiring issue as the cause. Investigators were still on scene at the time of this press release.