



# CITY OF LOCKPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT

## PRESS RELEASE

**Date/Time of Incident:** 4/27/2024 14:09 hours

**Type of Incident:** Residential Structure Fire

**Location:** 1201 West Jackson St.

**Damage Estimate:** \$60,000 - Property \$20,000 - Contents

**Market Value of Property:** \$135,500

**Personnel:** 9 on duty personnel, Chief Quagliano, Second Alarm assignment, Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station as FAST, Lockport Police, Wrights Corners (ladder truck at the scene) & South Lockport (engine company to standby at LFD HQ) Fire Companies.

**Narrative:** Niagara County dispatched LFD for a residential structure fire with occupants reporting a fire in the kitchen. 9M10, E8, E6, & M62 responded under the direction of Assistant Chief Fredrickson. On arrival heavy brown smoke was visible venting out of the roof ridge line of the center section of home. No fire was yet visible. The initial fire attack crew from Engine 6, led by Captain Keleher, advanced an 1.75" hose line through the back door of the home into the kitchen where they first encountered active fire above the stove. A second hose line was advanced to the front door but not initially operated. Within 5 minutes of arrival fire had broken through a small hole in the roof at the ridge line above the kitchen. The ceilings in the home were vaulted and the fire spread between the void space of the underside of the roof and top side of the drywall covering inside. Crews had to perform extensive overhaul in the kitchen and living room in order to access the roof rafters and roof sheeting that were burning. A hole was also cut in roof to allow access for extinguishment.

Crews operated for approximately 30 minutes to bring the fire under control. Additional time was spent performing overhaul and exposing any remaining hot spots. In total crews operated on scene for 2 hours.

No civilian or firefighter injuries were reported during this incident.

**Fire Cause:** The fire is accidental in nature. Investigators believe unattended cooking played a role in the fire ignition.