



CITY OF LOCKPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

Date/Time of Incident: 9/9/2024 10:11 hours

Type of Incident: Residential Structure Fire

Location: 30 Prentice St.

Damage Estimate: Square Feet – 500

Market Value of Property: \$57,700

Square Footage of Property: 1,546

Personnel: 9 on duty personnel, Chief Quagliano, Safety Officer Loucks, Second Alarm assignment, Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station as FAST, Lockport Police, Wrights Corners (engine company to standby at LFD HQ) Fire Company.

Narrative: Niagara County dispatched LFD for a residential structure fire with flames visible in the rear and heavy smoke in the front. 9M10, E7, T9, E8, M62 responded under the direction of Assistant Chief Fredrickson. On arrival heavy brown smoke was visible venting out of the front door and a window that had broken on the West side. The neighbor on the West side was applying water to the room of origin with his garden hose through the broken window. The initial fire attack crew from Engine 7, led by Captain Keleher, deployed two 1.75" hose lines. One was initially applied to the West side window, while the other went to the front door and ultimately advanced to the room of origin in the rear of the first floor. The fire was brought under control within a few minutes and over haul was performed to check for fire extension to the second floor, of which none was found. All direct fire damage was contained to the room of origin. The entirety of the house did suffer severe smoke damage throughout. Approximately 400 gallons of water was used in the process.

In total crews operated on scene for approximately 2 hours.

No civilian or firefighter injuries were reported during this incident, however, 1 family dog was discovered deceased. In a joint effort between a Water Dept Supervisor that was nearby and an LPD Officer, a second family dog was able to be pulled from just inside the front door and successfully revived.

Fire Cause: The fire is believed to be accidental in nature. Investigators are looking into unattended candles playing a role in the fire ignition.