



# CITY OF LOCKPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT

## PRESS RELEASE

**Date/Time of Incident:** 9/21/2024 06:20 hours

**Type of Incident:** Residential Structure Fire

**Location:** 38 Park Lane Circle

**Square Footage of Property:** 1,390 sq. ft.

**Damage Estimate:** 500 sq. ft.

**Market Value of Property:** \$73,200

**Property Damage:** \$20,000

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

**Narrative:** Niagara County dispatched LFD for a residential structure fire with smoke visible from the second floor window per 911 caller. 9M10, E7, T9, E8, M65 responded under the direction of Captain Chris Lane. On arrival smoke was visible venting out of the second floor window on the front of the house, however no visible fire had broken through to the exterior. The initial fire attack crew from Engine 7, led by Lieutenant Kaszuba, deployed an 1.75" hose line and made entry into the home through the front door. The fire was discovered to be in the kitchen and was quickly brought under control within a few minutes. Over haul was performed to check for fire extension to the attic space, of which minor extension was found and extinguished. Direct fire damage was contained to the room of origin with some minor extension to the ceiling joists. Heat and smoke damage to the underside of the roof was also noted directly above the kitchen. Ventilation fans were used to clear smoke from the residence. Approximately 300 gallons of water was used in the process.

Occupants were not home at the time of the fire, but were contacted and able to return. 4 people total are displaced by the fire.

Fire crews operated on scene for approximately 2 hours.

No civilian or firefighter injuries were reported during this incident.

Firefighters were able to remove two cats and a pet rat from the home and return them to the owners.

**Fire Cause:** The fire is believed to be accidental in nature. Investigators were still on scene at the time of this report.