



# Fire Department

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## Sycamore Fire Department Press Release

Structure fire - 06/13/2021

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On Sunday, June 13, 2021 at approximately 1132 hours, the Sycamore Fire Department was dispatched to 10861 Old State Rd for a reported structure fire. Upon arrival, the Fire Department found a 2-story residential structure with heavy fire from a rear first floor window lapping up to the second floor and roof. Initial arriving Sycamore Fire companies mounted a brief exterior attack with a 2 ½ hose line and once the main body of the fire was knocked down, then the crews were able to start an aggressive interior attack with two 1 ¾" hand lines. As attack crews advanced into the interior of the structure, they found that the fire on the first floor had extended to second floor and attic space. Multiple crews extinguished the fire on all levels. As fire suppression activities were conducted, a primary and secondary search for any additional occupants was conducted and none were found. The structure was ventilated from smoke, and salvage and overhaul operations were conducted.

This area of the county is without fire hydrants, so a water tender shuttle was set up to provide water for fire suppression.

No injuries to residents or firefighters were reported. The structure is heavily damaged. The first floor was heavily damaged from heat, smoke, and water. The second floor and attic space was damaged from heat and smoke. The loss from the fire is estimated at approximately \$300,000 to the structure and \$75,000 for contents in the home. The building is not habitable and all residents were relocated. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

The fire response went to the General Alarm level and assistance was received from several neighboring fire departments including DeKalb, Elburn, Batavia, Hampshire, Cortland, Genoa-Kingston, Maple Park, Creston, Kirkland, Flag Center, Marengo, Waterman, Malta, and Burlington.

The DeKalb County Sheriff's Department, American Red Cross, and ComEd also assisted at the scene.