

## Press Release

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**Incident:** On June 8, 2020 at approximately 0543 hours, the Sycamore Fire Department was dispatched to 1217 Wild Street for a report of structure fire.

Upon arrival, initial Fire Department crews found an approximately 1200 square foot home with a large amount of fire in the kitchen area of the home and heavy, black smoke throughout the interior of the structure. An offensive fire attack was initiated with 1 ¾" hand lines and a primary search for occupants was conducted. The fire was quickly extinguished within 15 minutes. Fire personnel located and successfully removed the family pets. Fire units remained on scene for an additional 90 minutes conducting smoke removal, salvage, and overhaul operations.

The fire went to the General alarm level and assistance was received from several neighboring fire departments including DeKalb, Elburn, Cortland, Genoa-Kingston, Hampshire and Burlington. Burlington Fire and DeKalb Fire handled two emergency medical responses during this incident.

The Sycamore Police Department and ComEd also assisted at the scene.

Estimated damages are \$185,000 to the home and \$50,000 for contents in the home. The home is not habitable and the cause of the fire remains under investigation.

There were no injuries to firefighter, residents, or animals.