

Sycamore Fire Department Press Release

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Incident: On December 16, 2016 at 1252 hours the Sycamore Fire Department was dispatched to 307 North Main Street for a report of a van on fire in the carport attached to the residence. Arriving crews found heavy fire and smoke coming from the carport in the Historic Boyton House. The fire spread into the three story structure adjacent to the car port. Fire crews were able to halt the spread of fire to the west end of the home. Much of the building suffered smoke and water damage. The fire was brought under control approximately one hour and 30 minutes after dispatch. Crews remained on scene for several hours doing overhaul operations.

The fire appears to have started in the area of the carport and an initial estimate of damages from the fire is approximately \$175,000 to structure and contents.

Injuries: There were no injuries to firefighters or residents.

Assistance at Scene: The fire went to the 2nd box alarm level and assistance was received from several neighboring fire departments including DeKalb, Maple Park, Elburn, Kirkland, Sugar Grove, Burlington, Shabbona, Rochelle, Pingree Grove, Malta, Somonauk, Batavia, Hampshire and St. Charles. The Sycamore Police Department, Sycamore Public Works, Nicor and ComEd also assisted.

Cause: The cause of the fire is under investigation.