

Sycamore Fire Dept.

Press Release

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Incident: On Saturday, February 27, 2021 at 2119 hours, Sycamore Fire Department was dispatched to 322 W. Exchange Street for a structure fire with possible occupant entrapment. On arrival, the first arriving Engine Company found heavy smoke and fire showing from the rear of the two-unit residence.

First arriving engine company crews stretched a 1 ¾" hose hand line through the front door of the lower apartment and were able to mount an aggressive interior fire attack along with a primary search for any occupants. Engine company crews also performed a primary search of the upper story apartment.

The fire was quickly located in the back bedroom of the first floor and was extinguished within 10 minutes. Crews found one deceased victim in the residence.

Once the fire was extinguished, the two apartments were ventilated from smoke, and salvage and overhaul operations were conducted. Crews remained on scene for approximately two hours performing overhaul operations. The first-floor unit suffered flame, heat, and smoke damage and the second-floor unit suffered smoke damage. The damage is estimated at \$200,000 for structure and contents. The second-floor occupants were temporarily displaced due to this damage.

The fire response went to the General Alarm level and assistance was received from several neighboring fire departments including DeKalb Fire, Genoa-Kingston, Cortland Fire, while Elburn Fire and Pingree Grove Fire filled our quarters. The Sycamore Police Department, the Office of the State Fire Marshal, ComEd, and NICOR also assisted at the scene.

No firefighters were injured in the response.

The cause of the fire appears to be accidental in nature, and remains under investigation.