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NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

On Monday September 26, 2016 at 6:41 p.m., the Park Ridge Fire Department was dispatched to the report of a house fire in the 1900 block of Newton Avenue. The Fire Department was on the scene in approximately five minutes. Upon arrival, the Incident Commander reported a two story, single-family residence with smoke showing from the front of the structure. Crews stretched one hose line to the front of the house to initiate an interior attack. Additional crews were assigned to ventilation, search and RIT (Rapid Intervention Team). The fire was extinguished in approximately 5 minutes.

There was one occupant home at the time of the fire who exited prior to the arrival of the Fire Department. One police officer was assessed and treated on the scene by Park Ridge paramedics and then transported to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital for treatment for smoke inhalation. Additionally, four family pets, all dogs, were brought out of the home to safety by Park Ridge firefighters.

The fire loss is estimated to be \$20,000, primarily due to smoke damage throughout the first floor of the home. Park Ridge Fire Department investigators believe the cause of the fire was accidental due to the failure of an energized electrical appliance that ignited adjacent combustibles.

The Park Ridge Fire Department was assisted at the scene by companies from the Rosemont Fire Department and the Norwood Park Fire Protection District. There were two emergency medical calls that were covered with the assistance of the Des Plaines Fire Department and the North Maine Fire Protection District during this time period.

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