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NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

On Wednesday June 3, 2020 at 1:56 PM., the Park Ridge Fire Department was dispatched to a call for smoke coming from the building of a home located at 1004 S. Home Ave. PRFD units arrived on scene in just over three minutes to find smoke coming from the attic on the front side of the residence. The fire response was upgraded to a confirmed fire which brought in additional mutual aid fire crews from neighboring fire departments. Companies were sent to the interior of the home and found a fire in the basement that was starting to spread to the rest of the structure. PRFD crews were also sent to the roof to ventilate the smoke from the building. The homeowner arrived on the scene and informed the incident commander that the house was vacant and scheduled to be torn down after some minor remediation work was completed.

Mutual aid crews arrived on scene and were sent into the home to assist the interior fire attack and to assist in ventilation of the structure. Crews were also rotated out due to the heat and humidity. One firefighter was transported to the hospital as a precautionary measure and was released later in the day.

PRFD was assisted with the fire investigation by the MABAS Division Three Fire Investigation Team. The cause of the fire was determined to be accidental in nature due to the failure of an electrical appliance in the basement level of the structure. There is no damage estimate since the house is scheduled for demolition.

The Park Ridge Fire Department was assisted on scene by crews from the Niles, Des Plaines, Morton Grove, North Maine, Schiller Park, and Rosemont Fire Departments. Mutual aid companies from Elk Grove Village, Wheeling, Evanston, and Rosemont responded to both Park Ridge fire stations to provide coverage while PRFD crews were committed to the fire. Prior to the arrival of these change of quarters companies, the Des Plaines Fire Department responded into Park Ridge for a medical emergency call that came in shortly after PRFD crews were dispatched to this fire.

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