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NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

On Saturday August 8, 2020 at approximately 3:07 PM, the Park Ridge Fire Department was dispatched to a possible garage fire at 500 Root St. PRFD units arrived on scene in just over four minutes to find heavy fire in the detached garage behind the home. Multiple hoselines were stretched down the alley and through the backyard to begin an initial fire attack. Mutual aid companies arrived on scene to aid the fire attack and also protect the neighboring garage as that structure was close to ignition from the radiant heat. The fire ignited both cars in the garage, along with some additional fuel that was stored there which added to the intensity of the fire. The fire was completely extinguished minutes later and was contained to the original garage only.

There were no injuries to Fire Department personnel or civilians.

Park Ridge fire investigators have determined that the cause of the fire was accidental in nature due to the ignition of flammable liquid in one of the vehicles stored in the garage. Damage estimates are undetermined at this point.

The Park Ridge Fire Department was assisted on scene by crews from the Des Plaines, Morton Grove, Niles, North Maine and Norwood Park Fire Departments. While all on duty PRFD crews were committed to this fire, we received assistance from the Evanston, Elk Grove Village, Rosemont, and Wheeling Fire Departments who stood by in the PRFD stations to handle any other emergency calls. They responded to one ambulance call during this standby coverage.

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