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NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

On Thursday May 30, 2019 at 5:29 p.m., the Park Ridge Fire Department (PRFD) was dispatched to the 1800 block of Birch Street for a house fire. PRFD crews arrived in less than five minutes and found a fire in a basement bedroom. A hose line was stretched for fire attack, and crews were able to make entry to the basement bedroom, where they encountered a fire that was primarily contained to a mattress. The fire was extinguished with a pressurized water extinguisher and cleaned up with the hose line. Due to the quick and effective response, the fire was stopped from spreading to the other areas of the home, thereby preventing further damage.

There were no injuries to any residents or fire personnel. Damage to the home is estimated to be \$25,000 due to some contents and smoke damage throughout the home. The cause of the fire is pending further investigation by Park Ridge Fire Investigators, but it is believed to be accidental in nature.

Mutual aid to the scene was provided by the Niles Fire Department.