

# MEDIA RELEASE



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## 821 S. Ward Mobile Home Fire

MACOMB, IL

At 07:05 am, Tuesday June 27, 2023, the Macomb Fire department was dispatched for a mobile home fire at 821 S. Ward Lot #25. The initial page indicated a fire in the living room and that the caller was attempting to evacuate the occupants. While enroute dispatch updated that all occupants were out of the structure. On arrival law enforcement advised it was a small fire in the living room. The fire was extinguished with a combination of an ABC and Pressurized Water extinguishers. The fire was deemed under control at 07:18 am.

The home sustained minor damage to the living room wall. The occupant did not have insurance. The estimated loss is \$1,000.

The residence did have smoke detectors however they were not functioning at the time of arrival.

The cause of the fire is unintentional and electrical in nature.

Five On-Duty Macomb Firefighters initially responded with an additional 4 Off-Duty firefighters being called in. Thank you to McDonough County 911, Lifeguard Ambulance, Macomb Police Department, and McDonough County Sheriff Nick Petitgout for their assistance with the call. The scene was cleared at 07:44 am.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all residents that smoke detectors are essential in the early detection of fires and that thus must be maintained to function properly. This includes making sure that the unit has a working battery installed. Also, a reminder that if you own your home and are in need of detectors our Be Alarmed Campaign can provide detectors free of charge.

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