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300 W Murray Street Structure Fire

MACOMB, IL

At 6:01 P.M., Tuesday, October 10, 2023, the Macomb Fire Department was dispatched to a residential structure fire in the 300 block of West Murray Street. The initial crew arrived on scene at 6:03 P.M. and observed smoke and flames emitting from the rear of the structure. Fire command initiated a request for all off-duty Macomb Firefighters. Crews made their way to the rear of the house and began extinguishing the fire. The fire was deemed Under Control at 6:36 P.M. Crews began ventilating the residence and addressing hot spots.

No injuries to civilians or firefighters were reported.

A smoke alarm was present but was not sounding at the time of arrival.

Estimated loss at this time is approximately \$35,000.

The cause of the fire is believed to have started in the kitchen and is under investigation by the Macomb Fire Department.

Four on-duty Macomb Firefighters initially responded with an additional three off-duty firefighters staged at the fire station. Thank you to the Macomb-McDonough County 911 center, Macomb Police Department, Ameren Illinois, City of Macomb Public Works, and Lifeguard Ambulance Service for their assistance with the incident. The scene was cleared at 8:29 P.M.

This week is National Fire Prevention Week, and we would like to remind all residents that smoke detectors save lives. Smoke alarms that are properly installed and maintained play a vital role in reducing fire deaths and injuries. The Macomb Fire Department will provide smoke detectors to homeowners at no cost to you. Make an appointment completing the application at <https://cityofmacomb.com/fire-prevention-programs/> or by calling the fire station at 309-836-7800. Please visit <https://www.nfpa.org/Events/Events/Fire-Prevention-Week> for more information related to Fire Prevention Week.

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