

# MEDIA RELEASE



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## 329 S. Dudley Structure Fire

MACOMB, IL

At 06:11 PM, Tuesday February 13, 2023, the Macomb Fire Department was dispatched for a trash can on fire at 329 S. Dudley Street. While enroute the responding crew was notified that the fire was spreading to the siding. Upon arrival the on-duty crew found a fire located on the southeast corner of the structure and had begun to involve the electric meter which had begun to arc. A callback for off-duty personnel was initiated with a request for a change of quarters from Colchester Fire. Fire had also extended to the interior of the structure in the kitchen and second floor. Callback crews arrived and began an interior attack. The fire was located in the kitchen and second floor attic and was extinguished. The fire was deemed under control at 06:53 PM, and crews continued with ventilation and overhaul. Minor damage was also reported on the neighbor's house at 333 S. Dudley. The home was occupied at the time of the fire and the residents evacuated safely.

No injuries to civilians or firefighters were reported.

The structure sustained fire, smoke, and water damage throughout and has an estimated loss of \$52,000.

The fire is believed to be unintentional due to discarded smoking materials and remains under investigation by the Macomb Fire Department.

Four on-duty Macomb Firefighters initially responded with an additional Five off-duty firefighters called back to assist on scene. Colchester Fire was called for a change of quarters to handle additional calls for service. Thank you to Macomb - McDonough County Communications Center, Macomb Illinois Police Department, Lifeguard Ambulance Service of Illinois, Colchester Fire Protection District, and Ameren IL for their assistance with the fire. The scene was cleared at 10:31PM.

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