

MEDIA RELEASE



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629 W Orchard Structure Fire

MACOMB, IL

At 1:49 PM, Tuesday, March 10th, the Macomb Fire Department was dispatched to a structure fire at 629 W Orchard St and unknown if anyone was inside. It was determined that one family member was home at the time and was able to exit through a window with the help of family members prior to our arrival. Fire Department personnel arrived on scene at 1:52 PM and observed heavy smoke coming from the structure. The on-duty crew located the fire in the living room and kitchen. The fire was extinguished and a primary search was completed. Several pets were reported to be inside the residence at the time of the fire. Firefighters were able to locate and rescue one dog, which was safely removed from the home; however, despite our efforts, the other pets could not be saved. Overhaul was conducted searching for any fire extension. The fire was brought under control at 2:02 PM. Six off-duty firefighters were called in to assist at the fire and provide coverage for any additional emergencies. Fire investigators processed the scene, and the scene was cleared at 4:55 PM.

No firefighters or civilians were injured.

Smoke alarms were present and sounding at the time of the fire.

The home sustained fire, smoke, and water damage and has an estimated loss of \$40,500.

The cause of the fire was determined to be accidental due to the placement of combustibles too close to a heat source and remains under investigation at the time of this release.

Thank you to Macomb - McDonough County Communications Center, Macomb Illinois Police Department, City of Macomb Public Works, Lifeguard Ambulance Service of Illinois, WIU Office of Public Safety, and Ameren IL for their assistance with the fire.

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