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DATE: 4/13/2017

SUBJECT: Structure Fire

BY: Assistant Chief Chris Martinson

NATURE OF INCIDENT: Structure Fire

CASE NO.: 17-003855

INCIDENT DATE: 4/13/2017

INCIDENT TIME: 14:07

INCIDENT LOCATION: 518 N. 18th Ave. E

The Duluth Fire Department responded to a report of a structure fire that began outside of the home and spread quickly onto two sides of the home and fully engulfed those sides in flame. The fire did extend into different parts of the home and it was reported from dispatch that the owner of the home was outside and accounted for as the first fire unit arrived. The first fire company on scene was Four Quint from the U.M.D. area fire station and due to their quick decisions and deploying a big caliber hose stream, these actions kept the fire mostly contained. Duluth firefighters quickly brought this fire under control once companies opened up the roof and checked for fire extension. There was heavy smoke damage and some water damage throughout the home. Salvage operations were started to try to protect as much of the homeowners belongings as possible. The homeowner did suffer some burning to his hair and he was checked out and cleared from an ambulance and firefighters on scene. Twenty one firefighters responded to this fire and a slight injury to the homeowner was sustained. This fire was accidental, the homeowner was attempting to burn some material around the outside of his home. Initial damage estimates are \$100,000 for the structure and contents. The fire was investigated by the Duluth Fire Marshals office and any further information will be provided by the Fire Marshals office.

The Duluth Fire Department would like to remind all citizens that burning branches, leaves and needles is very dangerous in the springtime and illegal in the city of Duluth, especially with the dry weather we have been having and the massive fire load from the storm last summer that has left many trees down.