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DATE: 5/17/2018

SUBJECT: Structure Fire- Duluth BY: Assistant Fire Chief, Clint Reff

NATURE OF INCIDENT: Structure Fire

CASE NO.: 18-004771 INCIDENT DATE: 5/17/2018 INCIDENT TIME: 02:57

INCIDENT LOCATION: 114 Chester Pkwy

At 02:27 hours this morning, the Duluth Fire Department responded to a report of a structure fire at 114 Chester Pkwy. Upon arrival, crews found a heavily involved front porch on a two-story single family home. One of the occupants was reportedly still inside the structure, while the other had safely made his way out. We were able to locate the missing victim at the rear of the house. The male victim was treated on scene by Fire Department personnel and transported to an area hospital with minor injuries. Primary and secondary searches were completed, and confirmed no other occupants were unaccounted for.

Due to the potential collapse of the porch roof, the porch was pulled away from the rest of the structure. At that point we were able to bring the fire under control. The fire extended to the interior of the house and heavy smoke damage resulted. Initial damage estimates are \$50,000 for the structure and \$10,000 for contents.

There were no firefighter injuries. The residents are not able to return to the house. The Duluth Fire Marshal's Office is investigating as to origin and cause of the fire. It does appear accidental in nature at this time.

Fire companies from Headquarters Station, UMD Station, Woodland, and Lakeside stations responded to the fire. Duluth and UMD Police Departments were also on scene assisting.

We do not have any information on the condition of the transported patient at this time. Any further information will be provided by the Duluth Fire Marshal's Office.