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DATE: 4/21/2022

SUBJECT: Fire causes \$30,000 in damages to West Duluth home BY: Assistant Chief Dennis Edwards &Kate Van Daele, PIO

NATURE OF INCIDENT: Structure Fire

CASE NO.: DFD22004582 INCIDENT DATE: 4/21/2022 INCIDENT TIME: 12:42 p.m.

INCIDENT LOCATION: 800 block of North 59th Avenue West

Fire causes \$30,000 in damages to West Duluth home

[Duluth, MN] Just after 12:40 p.m., the Duluth Fire Department responded to the report of a structure fire on the 800 block of North 59th Avenue West. A resident was on the scene doing maintenance work and discovered the fire. After attempting to put out the fire on his own, he called 911 to ask for help.

Within two minutes, 8 Quint arrived on the scene of the two-story duplex and found active smoke on the first floor of the house. Crews pulled lines and started attacking the fire. Other crews began to look for a fire extension on the home's second floor.

Crews located the fire on the first floor between the first floor and the crawl space. Due to the fire being located in floor joists, firefighters did not have access to where the fire had started. Firefighters then cut holes with saws in the exterior walls and the floor to access the fire's location.

The Duluth Fire Department would like to thank the Duluth Police Department, Comfort Systems, and Minnesota Power for their assistance on scene.

Damages to the home are estimated at \$30,000 to the structure and its contents.

The Duluth Fire Marshal's Office is still investigating the overall cause of the fire. No additional information is available at this time.

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