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DATE: 10/14/2022

SUBJECT: Structure Fire at 33 W Central Entrance

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NATURE OF INCIDENT: Structure Fire

CASE NO.: DFD22011899

INCIDENT DATE: 10/14/2022

INCIDENT TIME: 02:26:00 AM

INCIDENT LOCATION: 33 W Central Entrance

Structure Fire at 33 W. Central Entrance

At 2:26 AM on Friday, October 14, Duluth Fire Department was dispatched to a structure fire at 33 W. Central Entrance. A passerby viewed the fire as it broke out through the front window of the one-story commercial building occupied by Gitchee Gumees Tattoo and called 911. DPD arrived on scene by 2:29 AM. Duluth Fire Department's 7 Engine responded and firefighters from DFD Headquarters, Duluth Heights and UMD fire stations worked together to extinguish the structure fire.

The building was unoccupied at the time of the fire. No injuries were reported. Firefighters attacked the fire through the broken window initially, then continuing into the interior of the commercial building. DFD was on scene fighting the fire for just under two hours.

"The fire was knocked down quickly by Duluth firefighters, but burned unnoticed inside the building for some time, causing both heat and smoke damage," said DFD Assistant Chief Dennis Edwards about the incident. Damage to the structure is estimated to be \$10,000, but the smoke and heat caused an estimated \$75,000 to the building's interior contents, including some rare art and taxidermy items.

Duluth Fire Department would like to thank the citizen passerby for reporting the fire and saving damage to the structure. They also thank the Duluth Police Department for their rapid response and assistance.

The cause of the fire is under investigation by Duluth Fire Department's Fire Marshal.

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