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DATE: 1/15/2025

SUBJECT: Structure fire on Spear Avenue BY: Kelli Latuska, Public Information Officer

NATURE OF INCIDENT: Structure Fire

CASE NO.: 25000575 INCIDENT DATE: 1/15/2025 INCIDENT TIME: 0418

INCIDENT LOCATION: 617 Spear Avenue

Structure fire on Spear Avenue

[DULUTH, MN] At 4:18 AM on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, Duluth Fire was dispatched to a call of a structure fire at 617 Spear Avenue. Crews arrived within minutes to find heavy smoke and an active fire in the basement of a single-family residential structure. Crews from Woodland, UMD, Lakeside, and Downtown stations worked to attack the fire quickly. No humans were injured in the incident, and all human residents were safely evacuated. Three pet dogs were home at the time of the fire and were found deceased.

The home's residents are temporarily displaced currently and are being assisted by the American Red Cross. Damage is estimated at \$100K. The cause of the structure fire is under investigation by the Duluth Fire Marshal's office.

DFD thanks its partners at Duluth Police, Duluth Public Works and Utilities, Saint Louis County Emergency Services, American Red Cross, and Minnesota Power for their work on the incident response.