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At 5:40 AM this morning the Duluth Fire Department responded to a house fire at 2810 W 2<sup>nd</sup> St. The owner was not home and the fire was discovered by his brother. Soot was noticed on the windows and thick black smoke was encountered as the back door was opened.

Firefighters found the fire in the basement. This fire was confined to a small area but the smoke severely affected the entire home and contents. Damages are estimated at \$50,000.

No one was injured except a young kitten which could not be located and probably did not survive.

The Deputy Fire Marshal's initial investigation indicates that the cause of the fire is an overturned lamp fell onto a box of clothes.