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On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 at 11:45 PM, Tipp City Fire & EMS Department was notified of a fire venting through the roof in an occupied structure. The incident occurred at 540 Horton Avenue in Tipp City.

Engine 7, Ladder 2, and EMS units were dispatched to the fire. The Tipp City First Responder, our EMS supervisor, was the first Tipp City unit on the scene with fire units arriving shortly thereafter. TCFR reported fire and smoke showing from the roof at the rear of the structure. An attic fire was discovered by firefighters at the area of origin.

Engine 7 personnel were assigned fire attack. They quickly made their way to the second floor and pulled ceiling to expose and extinguish the attic fire. Ladder 2 personnel were assigned primary search and ventilation duties.

The occupant of the residence was notified by an alert neighbor. The smoke detectors did not alarm in this case due to the fire being in the attic. The homeowner immediately evacuated the residence.

The neighbor reported the fire to 9-1-1. The neighbor's actions assisted in a quick response and life safety of the homeowner.

The origin of the fire is in the attic. The cause is unintentional with the most probable cause being electric in nature. The only heat source in the area origin was a thermostat for an attic fan.

The estimated loss to the structure is \$35,000 and \$5,000 to the contents. The homeowner was displaced by the fire. The Tipp City Electric Department did disconnect electric service to the home.

Mutual aid was provided by Vandalia and West Milton fire departments. No injuries were reported by the family or emergency responders. All crews were released without incident.