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On March 1, 2021 at 11:15 PM, Tipp City Fire & Emergency Services was notified of a smoke in the hallway of the home in an occupied structure, unknown if all occupants had evacuated. The incident occurred at 235 S. Third Street in Tipp City. It is a large church structure converted into a single family home.

Tipp City Fire and EMS units were dispatched to the fire. Medic 1 was on an EMS call in the City. Tipp City Chief 2, our Assistant Chief, was the first Tipp City unit on the scene with fire units arriving shortly thereafter. Chief 2 reported smoke showing from a window extending to the roof at the side of the structure with possible extension into the attic. A 2<sup>nd</sup> alarm was called. A second alarm dispatches more mutual aid fire apparatus and a medic. A room and contents fire was discovered by firefighters at the area of origin with minimal smoke extension and no fire extension.

Engine 7 personnel were assigned fire attack. They quickly made their way to the fire area and extinguished the fire. Ladder 2 personnel were assigned primary search and ventilation duties. An all clear was called by search crews after the primary search of the first floor and basement level. A secondary search by Vandalia crews confirmed an all clear.

The occupants of the residence were notified by their son. The residence did not have smoke detectors in operation. The homeowners and all occupants immediately evacuated the residence. All residents evacuated on their own.

The origin of the fire is in a room adjacent to the old vestibule and away from the living areas. The cause is undetermined at this time. Vandalia fire investigators are assisting Tipp City personnel in determining the cause.

The estimated loss to the structure is \$2,500 and \$2,500 to the contents. The homeowner was not displaced by the fire.

Mutual aid was provided by Vandalia, Troy, Bethel Township, and Elizabeth Township fire departments. No injuries were reported by the family or emergency responders. All crews were released without incident.