

# **PRESS RELEASE**

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On 2-13-2022 at 11:47 am, Tipp City Fire & Emergency Services (TCFES) responded to the a personal residence at 575 Bellaire Drive in Tipp City, for a report of the garage is on fire. The on scene personnel reported smoke showing on arrival. The engine crew set command and performed fire attack. The home was reported to be evacuated on arrival, with pets still inside.

Tipp City Firefighters located the fire in the attached garage that is used as a bedroom. The fire was extinguished by quick action on behalf of the first engine on scene. A primary search and opening the overhead garage door with a saw was accomplished by the Ladder 31 crew, comprised of off duty personnel. The crews thoroughly checked the structure for life safety and to ensure the fire did not spread. Multiple personnel responded from home to assist on-duty crews.

The origin of the fire is located in an area in the garage near a wood burning stove. The cause is most probable to be combustibles too close to the wood burning stove. The fire is unintentional.

The total estimated loss to the structure is \$30,000 and \$15,000 to the contents. The damage is primarily smoke damage inside the structure. The residents will be displaced. Red Cross was called to assist them.

No injuries reported from by the residents or emergency crews on scene. The pets were located prior to releasing the scene to the residents. Three ambulance calls were dispatched and handled during the fire incident. Troy Fire Department and Elizabeth Township Fire Department handled two of the EMS Calls. TCFES handled the other EMS call.

West Milton Fire Department, AES, Tipp City Water, Tipp City Police and Tipp City Electric were on scene for mutual aid.