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On 3-16-2022 at 2:53 am, Tipp City Fire & Emergency Services (TCFES) responded to a personal residence at 7145 Kessler Frederick Rd. in Monroe Township, for a report of the detached garage on fire. The on scene personnel reported a working fire on arrival. Chief Haller set command and Engine 32 performed fire attack and made arrangements for a water supply. The resident was outside and safe.

Tipp City Firefighters located heavy fire conditions in the five car detached garage. The fire was controlled by quick action on behalf of the first engine on scene. West Milton firefighters established a water supply with Tipp City, Ludlow Falls and Laura units that were requested mutual aid. Multiple personnel responded from home to assist on-duty crews.

The origin of the fire is a ornamental grass fire located outside of the garage. The fire extended into the garage from the exterior. The cause is burning organic materials too close to combustible exterior vinyl siding. The fire is unintentional.

The total estimated loss to the structure is \$30,000 and \$12,000 to the contents. The damage is primarily fire damage to the 50% of the structure. The residents will be able to remain in their home.

No injuries reported from by the residents or emergency crews on scene.

Vandalia, Union, Butler, Laura, Ludlow Falls and West Milton Fire Departments assisted on scene in various capacities as mutual aid companies.