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On 06-04-2023 at 11:01 AM, Tipp City Fire & Emergency Services (TCFES) responded to 130 S. 1st Street, for a report of a shed fire with flames showing and electric service wires exposed to the flames. The resident noticed the fire and immediately called 911. The resident was met by fire units on scene and advised that he was ok. Active fire was located in the shed, along the wood fencing and in the backyard toys on the backside of the house.

Upon arrival Engine 32 found heavy fire and smoke conditions in the back yard. The fire had already burned the electric service drop wire in two pieces and it was on the ground in the back yard. Engine 32 set incident command and crews performed fire attack and secured the perimeter simultaneously. The live wires prevented crews from going into the back yard and down the alley. The fire was originally dispatched as a miscellaneous fire involving a shed.

A mutual aid fire truck was requested by incident command and Troy FD responded with Ladder 11. One TCFES person responded from home. The fire spread and involved the house at 130 S. 1st, the garage at 126 S. 1st, and a grass fire on the levy. The crews extinguished the fire and performed salvage and overhaul after Tipp City Electric dropped the live electric line and secured power. The owner is not displaced due to the fire and smoke damage.

The fire is unintentional. The cause of the fire is unauthorized burning in a fire pit. Damages are estimated a \$20,000 to the property and \$4,000 to the contents.

Recreational campfires are permitted within the regulations located in Chapter 92 of the Tipp City Code of Ordinances. As a reminder, at a minimum all recreational fires should be attended continuously. Burning for waste disposal is prohibited in the City of Tipp City.

No injuries were reported at the time of the fire-by-fire crews or the resident.

Crews were on the scene for approximately 2 hours.