

# **PRESS RELEASE**

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On 02-23-2024 at 1:43 PM, Tipp City Fire & Emergency Services (TCFES) responded to 703 Nelson Court, for a report of a fire with flames and smoke showing from the front of the house. The neighbor across the street called 911. The residents were not home at the time of the fire. Active fire was located on the first floor and basement of the home, with a large volume of smoke extension to second floor and the attic. The fire spread to the first floor prior to our arrival. The fire had gone unnoticed for a period of time due to the residents being away. The fire was under control in one hour.

Upon arrival Engine 32 found smoke conditions on all sides of the home. The fire was growing in the basement and visible from the first-floor window. Chief 30 set incident command and crews performed forcible entry, fire attack and search in quick succession. The initial crew had water on the fire within minutes. Ladder 31 conducted a primary search. Elizabeth Township Medic 45 was on the scene to assist all firefighting personnel at the time of the fire.

Mutual aid was automatically dispatched per our standard response. West Milton, Vandalia and Bethel all responded with crews. Multiple TCFES person responded from home to assist. Troy and Pleasant Hill both supplied crews to assist. The crews extinguished the fire and performed a secondary search along with salvage and overhaul. Tipp City Electric secured power by pulling the meter. Center Point Energy shut off natural gas service to the home. The water was shut off by Tipp Water department. The residents are displaced due to the fire and the utilities being secured.

The fire is under investigation. The area of origin is the basement of the home. The State Fire Marshal Investigators were summoned to assist in the investigation. The cause of the is under investigation at this time. The exact cause is unknown at this time. Damages are estimated a \$75,000 to the property and \$35,000 to the contents.

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

Crews were on the scene for approximately 8 hours.