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Farmington Fire Department Responds to House Fire on Oct. 7

Farmington, Minn., Oct. 12, 2023 – On Oct. 7, 2023, at approximately 9:08 p.m. Farmington Fire was dispatched by Dakota 911 for a house on fire on the 4500 block of 196th Street in Farmington. Prior to fire units arriving it was reported the rear of the home was fully involved in fire and all occupants were out of the house. Farmington Engine 22 Duty Crew arrived in under 5 minutes and started extinguishment and exposure protection of the neighboring homes. The fire was a two-alarm fire with 31 firefighters assisting from Farmington, Lakeville, and Apple Valley. Also assisted on scene by Farmington Police, Lakeville Fire Drone Team, Farmington Public Works, Allina Ambulance, and Dakota County Sheriff.

The home was a total loss and displaced a family of four. They have been assisted by the American Red Cross.

The cause of the fire was determined to be discarded fireworks material next to the rear of the structure. Farmington Fire Chief Justin Elvestad would like to remind everyone that fireworks can be extremely dangerous, even the kind that are legal in Minnesota.

To keep tragedy from happening to you follow these simple steps:

- Only use Minnesota legal fireworks like sparklers, fountains, ground spinners and snappers.
- Point fireworks away from people and animals.
- Use fireworks in an open area away from trees and houses.
- Extinguish and dispose of fireworks in a bucket of water.
- Do not try to re-ignite a dud.
- Always use caution around fireworks and make sure children are supervised.

For more fire safety tips visit our website at FarmingtonMN.gov/Fire or Farmington Fire Department Minnesota Facebook page.

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