



## NEWS RELEASE

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At 7:15 p.m. this evening, the Portage Department of Public Safety Communications Center received several calls for a structure fire at the dead end of Handel Street. The Portage Fire Division responded and arrived at 9944 Handel to find a small residential home with about 65% flame involvement. Firefighters were told all occupants were out. The firefighters began to attack the fire and brought the major part of the fire under control. Firefighters were hampered by a fire at the gas meter that continued to burn until Consumers Energy arrived.

At this time, there are no injuries to report. The fire is currently under investigation in an attempt to determine the cause of the fire.

Portage firefighters were assisted at the scene by Texas Township Fire Department. Station staffing was provided by Oshtemo and Comstock Fire Departments.

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