



NEWS RELEASE

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At approximately 10:02 p.m. on Sunday night, July 16, the Portage Department of Public Safety - Fire Division was dispatched to a structure fire at 5459 Meredith. The first arriving fire apparatus found smoke coming from the front and rear of a single story apartment building with 12 apartments. The occupant of the involved apartment had evacuated prior to the arrival of all first responders. Fire crews contained and then extinguished the fire, holding it to the apartment of origin. Fire, smoke, and water damage was held to the apartment of origin. The fire was deemed under control within thirty minutes of the receipt of alarm. All other apartments in the building were able to be re-occupied.

Portage Fire was assisted by the Portage Police Division, Comstock Township Fire Department, Life EMS, and Consumers Energy on scene. Off-duty Portage Fire Division personnel, Oshtemo Township, and Texas Township provided station coverage during the incident.

One of the occupants was evaluated by Life EMS for smoke inhalation, however, declined any additional medical treatment. There were no other injuries to other occupants or first responders. The cause and origin of the fire was ruled accidental by the Fire Marshal. Property loss is currently estimated at \$35,000.

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