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Fire Cause Investigation, 10145 Portage Road

Fire Investigators from the Portage Department of Public Safety Fire Division were on scene yesterday to investigate the cause of the fire that occurred Tuesday evening in the 10100 block of Portage Road. Investigators have determined the fire originated from the exterior of the structure on an attached deck and spread into the interior. Initial reports from witnesses indicated fireworks may have been heard prior to the fire being reported. Fire officials canvassed the scene to support witness statements; however, nothing was found to indicate the ignition of fireworks near the residence. Videos and photos submitted by several witnesses provided significant detail of the fire that burned through an energized power line and ruptured the natural gas service. The impact of the fire to these utilities created intense heat, explosions, and sparks near the back of the structure which may have resembled sights and sounds of fireworks being ignited. An exact cause of the fire has not been determined; however, investigators are certain fireworks were not a factor.

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