

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Structure Fire

Portage Department of Public Safety Fire Division responded to a structure fire at 4317 E. Milham around 2:13 a.m. The homeowner reported he arrived home to find a neighbor with a garden hose spraying water on the backside of his house and raised deck, attempting to put the fire out. He took over prior to the arrival of the firefighters.

Portage firefighters advanced hose lines to the rear of the structure and interior of the home. They extinguished the fire and began salvage and overhaul.

The fire appears to have started on the exterior near a light fixture and then spread to surrounding areas. The cause has not been determined at this time.

Portage Fire Division received assistance from Oshtemo, Texas and Comstock Fire Departments.

Damage to the home and contents have been estimated at \$15,000.

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