

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Structure Fire**

Portage Department of Public Safety Fire Division responded to a reported structure fire at 3204 W. Milham. The homeowner, Jesse Gonzales, reported he was working in the backyard and saw smoke coming from the basement vents to a utility room. He alerted his wife in the home and called 911.

Portage firefighters entered the home and advanced a hose line into the basement. They extinguished the fire and began salvage and overhaul. The fire appeared to have started in a small utility room 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. One firefighter sustained a minor injury while performing cleanup duties at the scene.

Damage to the home and contents have been estimated at \$80,000.

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