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On June 25, 2013 at 4:57 a.m., the Portage Department of Public Safety Dispatch Center received reports of a lightning strike and fire at 7067 Venice. Upon arrival, Portage Fire units found fire showing from the roof. The two occupants had already evacuated the home. Fire crews were able to place the fire under control 30 minutes after dispatch. Firefighters remained on the scene for another two hours extinguishing hot spots and doing extensive overhaul of the attic. The fire caused extensive damage to the roof and attic of the home. The cause of the fire was determined to be a lightning strike. Texas Fire Department, Pride Care Ambulance and Portage Police assisted at the fire scene. Oshtemo Fire Department, Comstock Fire Department, and Pavilion Fire Department assisted with station manning during the incident.

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