



## NEWS RELEASE

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Alarm No. 1670

The Portage Department of Public Safety Fire and Police divisions responded to a reported structure fire at a fourplex located at 4620 E. Milham at 08:52 a.m. Initial arriving police officers began alerting the remaining occupants in the other apartments and forced the fire apartment door in an attempt to make sure there were no occupants inside.

Fire personnel arrived to find light smoke coming from the door and windows of the apartment. Firefighters advanced a hose line and found a fire in a bathroom. The fire was quickly extinguished. The homeowner had left the apartment about 30 minutes prior to the fire. The fire was called in by a neighbor in a home to the east when they spotted smoke coming from the building. There were no injuries reported. The apartment had a working smoke alarm that had activated.

The cause of the fire appears to be improperly discarded smoking materials. Fire loss has been estimated at \$2,500 to the structure and \$2,500 to the contents.

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