



NEWS RELEASE

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Date: November 16, 2014
Incident No. 3531

Structure Fire

On November 15, 2014 at 11:37 p.m., the Portage Department of Public Safety Fire Division responded to a structure fire at 8140 Oakside Street in Portage. Upon arrival, firefighters found smoke coming from both the front and back of the single story residential structure. The fire was located in the basement and the garage, where it was quickly extinguished.

An adult female occupant was rescued by firefighters from a bedroom where she was found unconscious during a search of the residence. The unconscious female victim was treated at the scene then transported to Bronson Hospital by Life EMS.

Over 15 medium to very large snakes were saved from the smoke-filled home. One dog and a number of smaller snakes perished.

Portage Police, Comstock Fire, and Life EMS assisted at the scene. Texas Township and Oshtemo Township fire departments assisted in station manning. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Portage Department of Public Safety at 329-4567 or Silent Observer at 343-2100, www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com.

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