



## NEWS RELEASE

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Date: September 27, 2014  
Incident No. 2978

On September 27, 2014, Portage fire units were dispatched to a reported structure fire at 1910 Ramona Avenue. While en route, responding units were advised that a neighbor could see flames coming from a residence. The neighbor called 9-1-1 and then took a garden hose and began applying water through an outside window into the fire area. Portage police officers arriving on scene reported black smoke coming from the residence. The neighbor advised that no one was home; however, officers took precautionary measures, opening the front door and the rear slider, calling to see if anyone was home.

First arriving fire units reported light smoke and that it appeared the fire was almost out. Firefighters entered through the front door and extinguished the remaining fire. Primary and secondary searches were performed, confirming that the structure was vacant.

It appeared that the fire started in a laundry area on the first floor. The fire is still under investigation. Loss to the structure and contents has been estimated at \$50,000.00. No injuries were reported.

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