



NEWS RELEASE

CONTACT: Portage Department
of Public Safety
Fire Division
Battalion Chief Foley
269-329-4491

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: November 3, 2016
Incident No. 6076

The Portage Department of Public Safety Fire Division responded to 1230 Wetherfield Drive on a residential fire resulting from a lightning strike. First arriving units found light smoke conditions in the home but no fire.

Firefighters began a search of the structure, both inside and out. Firefighters found an area on the outside of the structure that appeared to have been struck by lightning. Firefighters began removing siding in the affected areas.

Fire crews were on scene for about an hour. The cause of the fire appeared to be a lightning strike. The estimated loss is valued at \$20,000. Fire Division personnel were assisted by Comstock Fire Department, and Life Ambulance was at the scene. No injuries were reported by occupants, bystanders, or emergency workers.

#####