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Public Safety
Fire Division
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On June 21 at 5:30 p.m., the Portage Department of Public Safety Fire Division was dispatched for an unattached garage fire in the 6500 block of Monticello. The first arriving engine found heavy smoke and fire coming from the structure. Fire personnel entered the structure but withdrew because of the instability of the structure. Firefighters finished extinguishing the fire from outside the structure. The fire was contained within 30 minutes of arrival. Fire crews were on scene for approximately two and a half hours. The cause of the fire is under investigation by the Fire Marshal, and the estimated loss is valued at \$80,000. Fire Division personnel were assisted by the Police Division, Oshtemo Fire Department, and Pride Care Ambulance at the scene. No injuries were reported by occupants, bystanders, or emergency workers.

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