



NEWS RELEASE

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Date: January 1, 2018
Incident No. 18-000006

The Portage Department of Public Safety Fire Division responded to 5147 Yarmouth on a residential mobile home fire at 11:36 a.m. First arriving units encountered heavy fire and smoke conditions in the front two-thirds of the home.

The home was believed to be occupied by two adults and six younger teens. A teenager alerted the family of a fire in the living room, forcing the family to escape through a bedroom window at the rear of the trailer. The family was assisted out of the windows by a neighbor.

The fire was contained within 35 minutes of arrival. Fire crews were on scene for approximately three hours performing suppression, ventilation, overhaul, salvage, and investigation. The cause of the fire is under investigation by the Fire Marshal, and the estimated loss is valued at \$11,000.

Fire Division personnel were assisted by Comstock Fire Department and the Portage Police Division at the scene. Pride Care ambulance provided emergency care and transport to the family. Texas Fire Department, Oshtemo Fire Department, and off-duty Portage Fire personnel assisted staffing city fire stations during the fire. Minor injuries were sustained to one adult and one teenager that required transport to the hospital. No injuries were reported to bystanders or emergency workers.

No smoke detectors were reported that activated.

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