



NEWS RELEASE

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On July 17, 2017, at approximately 8:20 p.m., Portage Department of Public Safety Fire and Police responded to 5803 Monticello for smoke in the basement. Portage police units arrived and found smoke coming from the rear of the structure and confirmed the building was evacuated. Portage fire units arrived to find light smoke from two sides of the structure. Fire crews donned self-contained breathing apparatus and entered the home and discovered fire in the basement. The fire was extinguished, and firefighters ventilated the home and checked for extension. It took firefighters thirty minutes to bring the fire under control and another ninety minutes for other fire ground activities.

Fire Division personnel were assisted by the Police Division, Oshtemo Fire Department, and Life EMS ambulance at the fire scene, and Texas Township Fire Department provided station coverage. No injuries were reported by occupants, bystanders, or emergency workers. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

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