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MUSCATINE HOME DAMAGED BY FIRE TUESDAY NIGHT

Garage fire spreads to home causing \$50,000 in fire, smoke damage

MUSCATINE, Iowa – A Muscatine home sustained approximately \$50,000 in damage from a structure fire Tuesday night. The Muscatine Fire Department responded at 8:23 p.m. Tuesday (May 22) after the Muscatine Joint Communications Center (MUSCOM) received a 911 call of a garage on fire at 1119 Kansas Street that was quickly spreading to the house.

Crews initiated a fire attack upon arrival as the fire spread to the second floor of the home through the balloon construction walls. Firefighters were able to bring the fire under control within approximately an hour of the fire departments arrival.

All occupants were reportedly out of the buildings when the fire department arrived. The Red Cross was also on scene to assist the family.

Firefighters remained on the scene to ensure the fire was fully extinguished and to check for hidden fires. The fire was officially determined to be extinguished at 11:13 p.m.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation at this time.



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One firefighter suffered a minor injury when the ceiling collapsed on him while making the initial fire attack. There were no other reported injuries.

The Muscatine Fire Department was assisted by the Muscatine Police Department, the Fruitland Fire Department and the Wilton Fire Department. Approximately 26 firefighters responded to the fire.

Harold Bennitt, Captain