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### **VACANT HOME SUFFERS FIRE, SMOKE DAMAGE FRIDAY**

*Investigation continues into structure fire; damage estimate at \$30,000*

**MUSCATINE, Iowa** – A vacant single family home at 403 West Fourth Street, Muscatine, received approximately \$30,000 in fire and smoke damage Friday (Dec. 14) afternoon.

The Muscatine Joint Communications Center (MUSCOM) received a 911 call of a house “fully engulfed” at approximately 11:43 a.m. Friday. Fire crews found a porch on the alley side of the home fully involved with fire and smoke throughout the structure and into the attic area.

Crews initiated a fire attack and ‘knocked down’ the main body of fire on the porch within a few minutes, but the fire had extended into the house and attic. Because of this the fire was difficult to access and extinguish. Fire fighters were able to eventually put out the fire that burned into the house and attic by 12:49 p.m., but were still on scene taking care of hot spots and small hidden fires.

The fire department remains on scene looking for hidden fire with the initial investigation underway to determine a cause. Direct fire and smoke loss estimate is estimated at \$30,000.

There were no injuries to responders or bystanders.



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The Muscatine Fire Department was assisted by the Fruitland Volunteer Fire Department and the Muscatine Police Department. Approximately 18 fire fighters responded to the fire, including some off duty personnel.

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