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PRESS RELEASE

MUSCATINE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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MUSCATINE HOME DAMAGED BY FIRE ON MONDAY

Importance of rental insurance stressed by fire department officials

MUSCATINE, Iowa – Quick work by the Muscatine Fire Department extinguished a fire at a local residence late Monday morning with approximately \$25,000 in damage sustained to the structure and contents.

The Muscatine Joint Communications Center (MUSCOM) received a 911 call of a house on fire at 1919 Demorest Avenue at 11:36 a.m. Monday. The single family rental property had fire coming from a second story window when fire crews arrived.

Crews initiated a fire attack and ‘knocked down’ the main body of fire within a few minutes, and then continued to investigate the rest of the residence to ensure the fire was completely out. There was fire damage through about half of the second floor, and heavy smoke damage throughout the rest of the second floor. The first floor received smoke and water damage.

The on scene investigation is complete with officials continuing to look into the cause of the fire at this time. Direct fire and smoke loss estimate is approximately \$25,000, with about \$15,000 to the structure and \$10,000 to the contents. The American Red Cross was called to the scene to assist the three residents of the building.

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.

The Fire Department reminds anyone who does rent to consider renter's insurance. If you have a fire in your apartment or rental home, and do not have insurance, you are not covered. Landlords usually have insurance on the structure but do not carry insurance for the contents. Obtaining insurance for the contents is the responsibility of the renter. That insurance may cost a little but it is a small price to pay if you suffer a loss.

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