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PRESS RELEASE

MUSCATINE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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FRIDAY MORNING FIRE DAMAGES MUSCATINE HOME

No injuries reported in fire contained to upstairs bedroom of residence

MUSCATINE, Iowa – A Muscatine home suffered \$30,000 in damage following a house fire Friday (May 3) morning on Lucas Street.

The Muscatine Joint Communications Center (MUSCOM) received a 911 call at 6:51 a.m. Friday of a single family residence with flames on the roof at 1819 Lucas Street. Upon arrival fire crews could see fire coming out of a second story window.

Crews initiated a fire attack to ‘knock down’ the main body of the fire from the outside while other crews prepared for an interior attack. The fire was quickly brought under control and salvage operations were immediately started.

The fire damage was contained to a bedroom on the second floor but there was water and smoke damage throughout the rest of the structure. The fire and smoke loss estimate is approximately \$30,000 to the structure and contents.



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The on scene investigation is complete, and although a cause has not been determined it does not appear intentional at this time. There were no civilian or responder injuries. The Red Cross was called to assist the family, who will be temporarily displaced.

The Muscatine Fire Department was assisted by the Fruitland Volunteer Fire Department and the Muscatine Police Department. Approximately 25 fire fighters responded to the fire, including off duty personnel.

About the Muscatine Fire Department:

The Muscatine Fire Department provides fire and emergency medical services, rescues (high angle, rope, water, etc.), building inspections, and public education for the City of Muscatine, and the surrounding unincorporated areas of Muscatine County with a combined population of 43,000 across 145 square miles while also providing HAZMAT for Muscatine, Louisa, Washington, Keokuk, and Henry counties. MFD firefighters and paramedics responded to 5,027 calls in 2018. The Muscatine Fire Department began as a volunteer fire company on January 7, 1875 and was established as a full-time department in January 1916. The Muscatine Fire Department ambulance service received the 2012 Career Ambulance service of the Year Award from Iowa Emergency Medical Services.

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