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Firefighter Injured, Family Dogs Perish in Buffalo Grove Townhouse Fire

The townhouse fire was elevated to the Box Alarm level, and 17 area fire departments assisted Buffalo Grove firefighters.

Buffalo Grove, Illinois – At 5:29 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20, 2017, the Buffalo Grove Fire Department responded to a reported fire in a townhouse in the 600 block of Le Parc Circle in Buffalo Grove. The first units on the scene observed smoke which was visible from the roof. Crews deployed pre-connected hose lines and began extinguishment efforts.

The fire had spread into the wall and roof space prior to the department's arrival, and began to extend to other units which prompted the Incident Commander to raise the alarm to the Box Alarm Level. This brought a total of 17 area fire departments to the scene. One firefighter sustained a minor injury and was treated and released from Northwest Community Hospital. No civilians were injured, but two dogs perished in the unit where the fire began. The fire was brought under control by 6:25 p.m.

The fire is believed to have been smoldering for an extended period; at least two separate neighbors reported to investigators they had smelled smoke as early as 3:30 p.m. Another neighbor walked around the circumference of the townhouse unit prior to the arrival of the fire department, but did not see any smoke or other indication a fire was in the premises.

The resident of the unit where the fire began was alerted to the situation when he received a message on his cell phone from a "smart" thermostat, showing the temperature in his unit had reached 95 degrees. The occupant notified his wife who arrived shortly before the husband and found smoke in the unit. The wife attempted to rescue their dogs while the husband arrived and called 9-1-1. Fire investigators have determined that the cause was electrical in nature, and there are not available estimates at this time relating to the financial losses.

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