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Firefighters Extinguish Early Morning Fire on Shambliss Lane

The fire was started by a lit cigarette on the deck that caused a fire inside the walls of the kitchen. No one was injured.

Buffalo Grove, Illinois – An early morning fire was quickly extinguished by the Buffalo Grove Fire Department, with assistance provided by agencies from neighboring communities, including the Palatine Fire Department and Long Grove Fire Protection District.

At 2:22 a.m. on Monday, December 11, 2019, a resident living in the 900 block of Shambliss Lane in Buffalo Grove smelled smoke prior to the home's smoke detector activating; the resident then dialed 911.

A cigarette, which had been disposed of at approximately 9:00 p.m. Sunday in a container on the outside deck had ignited planting material, and a fire began. The resident extinguished the initial fire by opening the kitchen window and using the sprayer from the kitchen sink in an effort to extinguish the fire.

Upon their arrival, fire crews using a thermal imaging camera and determined fire had spread from outside of the residence into the kitchen walls. Firefighters put out the fire and checked for further extension.

The fire was declared out within 30 minutes of the arrival of first responders. There is minor heat, smoke and water damage in the home, though the family is able to remain there. No injuries were reported.

The Buffalo Grove Fire Department was assisted by multiple agencies, some of whom were staged at the scene in the event extra help was needed due to extreme temperatures. Other departments manned Buffalo Grove fire stations in the event that other emergency calls were received. The fire department reminds residents to ensure lit materials are completely extinguished before disposing of them.

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