



Woodstock Fire/Rescue District

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"Service Before Self"

For Immediate Release

On Friday, October 30, 2020, at 11:22 AM the Woodstock Fire/Rescue District, along with automatic aid departments, were dispatched for a reported structure fire in the 14200 block of Jankowski Road in the unincorporated McHenry County.

Upon arrival, firefighters reported a chimney fire on the rear of the residence with heavy smoke conditions on the second floor. Crews also reported a homeowner was attempting to extinguish the exterior fire with a garden hose. An offensive fire attack was initiated while stretching a hose line to a second-floor bedroom where the smoke was reportedly heaviest.

Rural tender and water supply operations were immediately established at the roadway since the area is not supplied by fire hydrants. The fire was reported to authorities through a 911 call from the homeowners on location. All residents were determined to have safely evacuated prior to arrival.

Within 20 minutes of arriving on scene, the fire was determined to be under control. Officials spent the next two hours conducting an investigation and overhauling the burn area. Although the fire is not being considered suspicious at this time, it remains under investigation by the Woodstock Fire/Rescue District. Damage estimates are currently unavailable.

Although two rooms sustained smoke, fire and water damage, the home remains habitable and was turned over to the homeowners. The entire residence required ventilation for smoke. There were no civilian or firefighter injuries.

We greatly appreciated the assistance from our automatic aid agencies. Thank you to those who assisted at the scene and the crews who backfilled our stations while our units were working at the fire.

Further inquiries should be directed to the WFRD Shift Commander at Station #1: 815 338-2621.