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Press Release

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House Fire

On January 9, 2016, at approximately 4:00 p.m., a report was received for smoke coming from the top of a house at 126 W. Forest, in Roselle. Fire units arrived approximately three minutes later and found smoke at the rear of the building, near the roof, where a wood burning fire place chimney exited the house.

After confirming that everyone was evacuated, hose lines were advanced to extinguish the fire. A slight amount of smoke was noted in the house. When entry was made into the second floor, heavy smoke was encountered. Upon access to the attic, a large volume of fire was noted. To extinguish and overhaul the fire, sections of the rear wall and roof had to be removed.

Eleven different fire companies were used to contain the fire and to stand-by in the Roselle fire station, for any additional emergencies. Fire units remained on the scene for three hours.

The home was determined to be uninhabitable, and no one was injured at the fire.

Fire and water damage is significant, and estimates are not available yet. Fire investigators are on the scene, and the exact cause of the fire is still under investigation at this time.

With cold weather upon us, the Roselle Fire Department reminds everyone of the dangers of space heaters and fire places. Space heaters need a clearance of two feet around them, and nothing should be placed on them to be dried out. If you have a wood burning fire place, it is recommended that you should have it inspected once a year.
