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**City of Duluth
Duluth Fire Department
Press Release**

For Immediate Release:

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The Duluth Fire Department responded to report of a structure fire in the 200 block of East 5th Street. Initial arriving fire companies reported heavy fire in the rear of a two and one-half story residential structure. Firefighters fought heavy fire on the first and second floors, as well as an expansion attic. Due to proximity to the fire building, the occupied house on the west side sustained significant heat damage to its exterior, but firefighters were able to stop the fire from progressing to the interior.

The house had been previously condemned for habitation due to a previous fire in April, 2009. The building was confirmed vacant at this time.

Fire companies from Headquarters, UMD, Lincoln Park and West Duluth were on the scene.

Initial damages are estimated at \$40,000 for the fire building, and \$12,000 for the adjacent building. The origin and cause of this fire will be investigated by the Duluth Fire Marshal's office.