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DATE: 2/6/2018

SUBJECT: Structure Fire

BY: Assistant Chief's Office

NATURE OF INCIDENT: Structure Fire

CASE NO.: 2018-001375

INCIDENT DATE: 2/6/2018

INCIDENT TIME: 20:39

INCIDENT LOCATION: 5113 Ramsey Street

At 20:39 tonight, the Duluth Fire Department responded to a report of structure fire at 5113 Ramsey Street, it was reported as a fire in the basement. An adult female and child escaped the home after calling 911 as they exited. there was a report of multiple dogs and one cat in the home. First rig on the scene, Eight Quint from the West Duluth fire station, reported heavy smoke at the front of the house and then fought their way down the basement stairs where they encountered a heavy volume of flame and high heat and they started to fight the fire as they were searching for the homeowners pets, Two Engine from the Lincoln park station was on the scene as well helping the first rig on scene. The homeowners got one dog out of the house as Duluth Firefighters got one dog and one cat out and life saving measures were applied to both of those animals and both were revived back to life, sadly one dog perished in the fire. Duluth fire crews continued to fight this fire until they had it under control. Searches were made on all floors for any remaining pets as all persons were accounted for.

This fire caused extensive fire and heat and smoke damage mostly in the basement but the products of combustion caused extensive damage throughout the home. Initial damage estimate is \$70,000 dollars to the structure and \$20,000 dollars in contents damage.

There were no firefighter injuries and the occupants were able to escape, their condition and whereabouts were unclear as they left the scene.

The Duluth Fire Marshals Office is investigating the cause of the fire and any further statements will be released from that office.

Fire crews from Headquarters Station, Spirit Valley Station and Lincoln Park Station fought this fire for just over two hours, Gold Cross Ambulance service was on standby on the fire scene as well.