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DATE: 10/20/2022

SUBJECT: Structure Fire

BY: Assistant Fire Chief Dennis Edwards

NATURE OF INCIDENT: Structure Fire

CASE NO.: 12185

INCIDENT DATE: 10/20/2022

INCIDENT TIME: 2036

INCIDENT LOCATION: 4300 block of E. Superior St

At 8:36 p.m. Thursday October 20th, the Duluth Fire Department was dispatched to a report of a fire in a detached two car garage in the Lakeside neighborhood. 6 Engine arrived in under four minutes and reported a fully involved garage fire with a vehicle also burning near, but outside of the garage. 6 Engine had established a hydrant water supply and immediately began attacking the fire with a large 2.5 inch handline. The 6 Engine crew was able to knock the fire down as other arriving crews established additional hose lines to protect adjacent exposures.

The fire is being investigated by the Duluth Fire Marshal's office and is believed to be accidental and caused by automobile restoration activities. The owner was in the garage at the time of the fire and was able to escape and call 911. There were no injuries to firefighters and the DFD was assisted by the Duluth Police Department and Minnesota Power on scene. Firefighters responded from Lakeside, Woodland, UMD and Headquarters stations and were on scene for nearly two hours.

The garage and one working vehicle were destroyed in the fire along with the vintage car being restored, two atvs and a snowmobile. Damage is estimated at \$30,000 to the structure and at least \$40,000 to the contents.