



Fire Department

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MEDIA ALERT

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WHAT: Milwaukee Firefighters Go Door-to-Door Checking Smoke Alarms and Installing New Ones as Necessary

WHO: Fire Chief Mark Rohlfig, Engines 13 and 21

WHEN: Tuesday, May 28, 2019, 2:30 p.m.

WHERE: 2825 North 16th Street (and in neighborhood)

DETAILS: The Milwaukee Fire Department (MFD) was dispatched at 4:34 a.m. on May 28. Fire Engine 13 and the Battalion 2 Chief arrived first at 4:37 a.m., communicating fire on the second floor of a two-story residential home with a report of two trapped occupants.

Engine 13 placed a ladder and assisted one male occupant down from the front porch. This occupant was treated on scene for smoke inhalation. MFD Rescue 2 arrived at 4:38 a.m. and utilized a technique called Vent, Enter, Search (VES), entering the second floor front bedroom via ladder to find an adult male pulseless and non-breathing in that bedroom. This occupant was removed to the outside and immediately treated by paramedics from MFD Paramedic Unit 7. The fire was placed under control at 5:00 a.m., and despite life-saving efforts, the victim was officially pronounced as deceased at 5:05 a.m. Further searches found no other occupants inside the building.

No working smoke alarms were sounding inside the building. The MFD Fire Investigation Unit and the Milwaukee Police Department are investigating fire cause and origin.

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