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Press Release

Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2024

Macedonia Fire Department responds to Reported house on fire.

Address: 86 Marwyck Drive, Northfield Center.

Time of call: 9:54

On Tuesday, April 2, 2024, our department responded to a two-story single-family home for reported smoke coming from their neighbor's house. The first 911 call into dispatch from the neighbor behind this residence and reported seeing smoke coming out of house behind theirs. The house on fire is on Marwyck Drive, but she did not know the address of the house on fire. The caller advised dispatch that the person that lives behind them was an elderly blind male, and she did not know if he was still in the house.

The first arriving unit on scene confirmed the address was 86 Marwyck Drive and reported he had heavy fire and smoke from the front of the house. As the fire officer walked around the house a neighbor met the officer in the front yard and advised him that the person who lives in the house was still in the house, he is an elderly male that is blind, hard of hearing and is unable to get up out of bed without help and his bed is right there where the fire is.

As our trucks were arriving on scene and the first engine crew of four pulled two hose lines and extinguished the exterior fire. Once the exterior fire was knocked down, crews pushed in through the front door to knock down the large body of fire that was on the first floor in the front room. A second crew made their way to the second floor and extinguished the fire on the second floor. While a third crew made their way to the basement. During a search of the home the 92-year-old homeowner was found deceased in the front room, which we believed to be the room of origin. The cause of the fire is currently under investigation by the State Fire Marshalls office and Marwyck Drive was closed for approximately 2 hours from Bayberry to Dorwick while crews were fighting the fire.

The call came into our department at 9:54, and we were on scene at 9:57. Our department responded to the incident with a command vehicle, two engines, and an ambulance. The Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief responded for a total of 13 Macedonia firefighters. Auto aid was received by Northfield Village Fire for an engine and two firefighters, and mutual aid from Brecksville for an engine with three. The total number of firefighters on scene was 18 and we are reporting 1 minor firefighter injury. We requested Twinsburg Fire to staff an engine at our station.

Issued by Assistant Fire Chief Paul Celinski (PIO) @ 18:00 on April 2, 2024

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