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WARD 6 –BUILDING FIRE – 5920 E. SPEEDWAY

Dispatch Time - 8:32 P.M.
On-Scene Time – 8:36 P.M.
Under Control – 10:56 P.M.

There were several calls made to 9-1-1 to report a building on fire on Speedway. The first unit arrived four minutes after dispatch and reported that the building was full of smoke. That engine company entered the building to check for people and locate the fire. They reported that they had a lot of smoke inside but couldn't locate the fire. A ladder crew was simultaneously on the roof and had started cutting holes with chainsaws to see if they could locate fire in the attic. It was determined that the fire was in the attic but finding the actual seat of the fire was difficult due to the construction of the building. The building was very old and had been remodeled several times. After twenty-seven minutes of offensive operations, command made the decision to pull all firefighters out of the building and from the roof and move to defensive operations. A second alarm had been called to bring additional units into the scene. Two ladder trucks were used to spray large amounts of water on the building from above. Firefighters continued to open up the attic space from different areas trying to locate and extinguish all fire. It took 17 units and forty-three firefighters two hours and twenty-four minutes to bring the fire under control. There were no injuries to firefighters and no one was in the building at the time of the fire. The cause of the fire is still under investigation and the amount of damage has yet to be determined.

Origin – Under Investigation
Cause – Under Investigation
Damages Estimate – Yet to be determined

Safety Message: Attics are the primary origin of all large loss building fires, along with cooking areas or kitchens. In attic fires, multiple areas of the attic tend to be involved. The fire tends to spread amongst the wood fairly easily and can be concealed under the insulation. Fire fighters help reduce risk to themselves and the public by pre-planning buildings in their areas and determining how they would fight fires prior to them ever happening.

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