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WARD 6 – PROPANE GRILL FIRE BURNS MULTIPLE AREAS

Dispatch Time – 6:55 P.M.
On-Scene Time – 6:59 P.M.
Under Control – 7:11 P.M.

Several calls were made to 9-1-1 to report a fire in a backyard that was threatening two houses. One call was made by the homeowner whose grill had caught fire. The first unit on scene reported heavy fire in the backyard with fire threatening a neighboring house. Fire fighters put out the heavily involved backyard while simultaneously checking the neighboring house for occupants. Fire did spread to the neighboring house but was quickly extinguished. That house was vacant. The homeowner stated he lit the propane grill and then went inside his home. When he returned, the grill and surrounding area were on fire. The homeowner suffered minor burns but declined medical care on scene. It took nine units and twenty-two firefighters twelve minutes to bring the fire under control. There were no injuries to firefighters and Red Cross was not needed.

Origin –Backyard Grill
Cause – Accidental/
Damages Estimate -

Safety Message: Be sure to use safe grilling practices as the peak months for grilling fires approach – June and July. The owner’s manual should be the first thing that you read when grilling. It will provide all safety tips for the actual grill that is being used. Never leave your grill unattended. Always have one person in charge of the fire at all times. Proper spacing is another very important safety point. Nearly a third of residential grill fires start on a court, terrace, or patio. The owner’s manual will provide the minimum distances around the unit that must be kept clear. The manual will also discuss hooking up your tanks safely, how to check for leaks, and proper procedures for cleaning the grill as well.

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