



FARIBAULT FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Fire Causes Extensive Damage to Home

FARIBAULT – At 4:25 pm on May 6, 2023, the Faribault Fire Department, Faribault Police Department and North Memorial Ambulance responded to a report of smoke in the basement at 1142 6th Ave SW. The occupants of the home were upstairs and heard a popping noise in the basement. They went to check on it and saw smoke and fire. They grabbed their dog and were able to exit safely. Upon responders' arrival, smoke and flames were witnessed and we verified that everyone was out of the home.

Firefighters made entry to the home through a side door and hit the fire from the top of the steps. They then transitioned to hitting the fire from the exterior through a small basement window. They re-entered the home and proceeded to the basement to extinguish the fire. Fire had gotten into the walls on the first floor and crews opened them up to complete the extinguishment of the fire. Crews cleared the scene at 6:50 pm.

The Faribault Fire Department conducted an investigation and determined that an extension cord leading to an operating appliance was buried under cardboard boxes and other household items causing the cord to heat up and ignite the combustible items on top of the cord.

Fire Chief Dustin Dienst commented, "Everyone was able to exit the home safely and that's what matters. Most belongings can be replaced, people cannot."