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Wauwatosa House Fire

Wauwatosa, WI – At 4:41 P.M. on September 25th, 2018 the Wauwatosa Fire Department responded for a reported house fire at 1850 N 72 St. Arriving crews were met with smoke showing from the roof of a two story residential home. The Wauwatosa Fire Department, along with the Milwaukee Fire Department, placed the fire under control in less than 30 minutes.

The home owner, along with numerous neighbors, reported that lightning struck the home causing significant damage to the roof and chimney. Soon after the lightning strike, smoke was visible from the roof top.

The attic of this residence suffered significant fire and smoke damage. The first floor suffered minor damage. Working smoke detectors were found in the home.

The exact cause of the fire is undetermined but it appears to have started by a lightning strike. The fire does not appear to be suspicious and the investigation has been closed by the Fire Prevention Bureau.

(1 Photo Attached)

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