

FDID 62210 *		State MN *		Incident Date MM DD YYYY 03 20 2014		Station 07		Incident Number 14-0008307		Exposure 000		☐ Delete ☐ Change ☐ No Activity		NFIRS -1 Basic	
B Location* ☐ Check this box to indicate that the address for this incident is provided on the Wildland Fire Module in Section B "Alternative Location Specification". Use only for Wildland fires. ☒ Street address 884 MOUND ST ☐ Intersection Number/Milepost Prefix Street or Highway Street Type Suffix ☐ In front of SAINT PAUL MN 55106 ☐ Rear of Apt./Suite/Room City State Zip Code ☐ Adjacent to ☐ Directions Cross street or directions, as applicable															
C Incident Type * 111 Building fire Incident Type				E1 Date & Times Midnight is 0000 Check boxes if dates are the same as Alarm Date. ALARM always required Alarm * 03 20 2014 16:06:13 ARRIVAL required, unless canceled or did not arrive ☒ Arrival * 03 20 2014 16:10:19 CONTROLLED Optional, Except for wildland fires ☐ Controlled LAST UNIT CLEARED, required except for wildland fires ☒ Last Unit Cleared 03 20 2014 18:09:34						E2 Shift & Alarms Local Option C 01 D3 Shift or Alarms District Platoon					
D Aid Given or Received* 1 ☐ Mutual aid received 2 ☐ Automatic aid recvd. 3 ☐ Mutual aid given 4 ☐ Automatic aid given 5 ☐ Other aid given N ☒ None Their FDID Their State Their Incident Number				E3 Special Studies Local Option Special Study ID# Special Study Value											
F Actions Taken * 11 Extinguishment by fire Primary Action Taken (1) 12 Salvage & overhaul Additional Action Taken (2) 51 Ventilate Additional Action Taken (3)				G1 Resources * ☒ Check this box and skip this section if an Apparatus or Personnel form is used. Apparatus Personnel Suppression 0012 EMS Other ☐ Check box if resource counts include aid received resources.				G2 Estimated Dollar Losses & Values LOSSES: Required for all fires if known. Optional for non fires. None Property \$ 089,205 Contents \$ 050,178 PRE-INCIDENT VALUE: optional Property \$ 000,000 Contents \$ 000,000							
Completed Modules ☒ Fire-2 ☒ Structure-3 ☐ Civil Fire Cas.-4 ☐ Fire Serv. Cas.-5 ☐ EMS-6 ☐ HazMat-7 ☐ Wildland Fire-8 ☒ Apparatus-9 ☐ Personnel-10 ☐ Arson-11		H1* Casualties ☒ None Deaths Injuries Fire Service Civilian H2 Detector Required for Confined Fires. 1 ☐ Detector alerted occupants 2 ☐ Detector did not alert them ☐ Unknown		H3 Hazardous Materials Release N ☐ None 1 ☐ Natural Gas: slow leak, no evaluation or HazMat actions 2 ☐ Propane gas: <21 lb. tank (as in home BBQ grill) 3 ☐ Gasoline: vehicle fuel tank or portable container 4 ☐ Kerosene: fuel burning equipment or portable storage 5 ☐ Diesel fuel/fuel oil: vehicle fuel tank or portable 6 ☐ Household solvents: home/office spill, cleanup only 7 ☐ Motor oil: from engine or portable container 8 ☐ Paint: from paint cans totaling < 55 gallons 0 ☐ Other: Special HazMat actions required or spill > 55gal., Please complete the HazMat form				I Mixed Use Property NN ☐ Not Mixed 10 ☐ Assembly use 20 ☐ Education use 33 ☐ Medical use 40 ☐ Residential use 51 ☐ Row of stores 53 ☐ Enclosed mall 58 ☐ Bus. & Residential 59 ☐ Office use 60 ☐ Industrial use 63 ☐ Military use 65 ☐ Farm use 00 ☐ Other mixed use							
J Property Use* Structures 131 ☐ Church, place of worship 161 ☐ Restaurant or cafeteria 162 ☐ Bar/Tavern or nightclub 213 ☐ Elementary school or kindergarten 215 ☐ High school or junior high 241 ☐ College, adult education 311 ☐ Care facility for the aged 331 ☐ Hospital Outside 124 ☐ Playground or park 655 ☐ Crops or orchard 669 ☐ Forest (timberland) 807 ☐ Outdoor storage area 919 ☐ Dump or sanitary landfill 931 ☐ Open land or field		341 ☐ Clinic, clinic type infirmary 342 ☐ Doctor/dentist office 361 ☐ Prison or jail, not juvenile 419 ☒ 1-or 2-family dwelling 429 ☐ Multi-family dwelling 439 ☐ Rooming/boarding house 449 ☐ Commercial hotel or motel 459 ☐ Residential, board and care 464 ☐ Dormitory/barracks 519 ☐ Food and beverage sales 936 ☐ Vacant lot 938 ☐ Graded/care for plot of land 946 ☐ Lake, river, stream 951 ☐ Railroad right of way 960 ☐ Other street 961 ☐ Highway/divided highway 962 ☐ Residential street/driveway		539 ☐ Household goods, sales, repairs 579 ☐ Motor vehicle/boat sales/repair 571 ☐ Gas or service station 599 ☐ Business office 615 ☐ Electric generating plant 629 ☐ Laboratory/science lab 700 ☐ Manufacturing plant 819 ☐ Livestock/poultry storage (barn) 882 ☐ Non-residential parking garage 891 ☐ Warehouse 981 ☐ Construction site 984 ☐ Industrial plant yard Lookup and enter a Property Use code only if you have NOT checked a Property Use box: Property Use 419 1 or 2 family dwelling NFIRS-1 Revision 03/11/99											

A FDID <u>62210</u> * State <u>MN</u> * Incident Date <u>MM</u> <u>03</u> <u>DD</u> <u>20</u> <u>YYYY</u> <u>2014</u> * Station <u>07</u> * Incident Number <u>14-0008307</u> * Exposure <u>000</u> *		☐ Delete ☐ Change ☐ No Activity NFIRS -2 Fire	
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B Property Details B1 <u>0001</u> ☐ Not Residential Estimated Number of residential living units in building of origin whether or not all units became involved B2 <u>001</u> ☐ Buildings not involved Number of buildings involved B3 <u> </u> ☒ None Acres burned (outside fires) ☐ Less than one acre	C On-Site Materials ☒ None Complete if there were any significant amounts of commercial, industrial, energy or agricultural products or materials on the Property, whether or not they became involved Enter up to three codes. Check one or more boxes for each code entered. <table style="width:100%;"> <tr> <td style="width:30%;"> NNN <u>None</u> On-site material (1) </td> <td style="width:70%;"> 1 ☐ Bulk storage or warehousing 2 ☐ Processing or manufacturing 3 ☐ Packaged goods for sale 4 ☐ Repair or service </td> </tr> <tr> <td> <u> </u> <u> </u> On-site material (2) </td> <td> 1 ☐ Bulk storage or warehousing 2 ☐ Processing or manufacturing 3 ☐ Packaged goods for sale 4 ☐ Repair or service </td> </tr> <tr> <td> <u> </u> <u> </u> On-site material (3) </td> <td> 1 ☐ Bulk storage or warehousing 2 ☐ Processing or manufacturing 3 ☐ Packaged goods for sale 4 ☐ Repair or service </td> </tr> </table>	NNN <u>None</u> On-site material (1)	1 ☐ Bulk storage or warehousing 2 ☐ Processing or manufacturing 3 ☐ Packaged goods for sale 4 ☐ Repair or service	<u> </u> <u> </u> On-site material (2)	1 ☐ Bulk storage or warehousing 2 ☐ Processing or manufacturing 3 ☐ Packaged goods for sale 4 ☐ Repair or service	<u> </u> <u> </u> On-site material (3)	1 ☐ Bulk storage or warehousing 2 ☐ Processing or manufacturing 3 ☐ Packaged goods for sale 4 ☐ Repair or service
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D Ignition D1 <u>24</u> <u>Cooking area, kitchen</u> Area of fire origin * D2 <u>10</u> <u>Heat from powered</u> Heat source * D3 <u>23</u> <u>Cabinetry (including</u> Item first ignited * ☐ Check Box if fire spread was confined to object of origin D4 <u>60</u> <u>Wood or paper,</u> Type of material first ignited Required only if item first ignited code is 00 or <70	E1 Cause of Ignition ☐ Check box if this is an exposure report. Skip to section G 1 ☐ Intentional 2 ☒ Unintentional 3 ☐ Failure of equipment or heat source 4 ☐ Act of nature 5 ☐ Cause under investigation U ☐ Cause undetermined after investigation E2 Factors Contributing To Ignition <u>58</u> <u>Equipment not</u> ☐ None Factor Contributing To Ignition (1) <u> </u> <u> </u> Factor Contributing To Ignition (2)	E3 Human Factors Contributing To Ignition Check all applicable boxes 1 ☐ Asleep ☒ None 2 ☐ Possibly impaired by alcohol or drugs 3 ☐ Unattended person 4 ☐ Possibly mental disabled 5 ☐ Physically Disabled 6 ☐ Multiple persons involved 7 ☐ Age was a factor Estimated age of person involved <u> </u> 1 ☐ Male 2 ☐ Female
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F1 Equipment Involved In Ignition ☐ None If Equipment was not involved, Skip to Section G <u>646</u> <u>Range, stove</u> Equipment Involved Brand <u> </u> Model <u> </u> Serial # <u> </u> Year <u> </u>	F2 Equipment Power <u>21</u> <u>Natural gas or</u> Equipment Power Source F3 Equipment Portability 1 ☐ Portable 2 ☒ Stationary Portable equipment normally can be moved by one person, is designed to be use in multiple locations, and requires no tools to install.	G Fire Suppression Factors Enter up to three codes. ☒ None <u>NNN</u> <u>None</u> Fire suppression factor (1) <u> </u> <u> </u> Fire suppression factor (2) <u> </u> <u> </u> Fire suppression factor (3)
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H1 Mobile Property Involved ☐ None 1 ☐ Not involved in ignition, but burned 2 ☐ Involved in ignition, but did not burn 3 ☐ Involved in ignition and burned	H2 Mobile Property Type & Make <u> </u> <u> </u> Mobile property type <u> </u> <u> </u> Mobile property make <u> </u> <u> </u> Mobile property model Year <u> </u> <u> </u> <u> </u> License Plate Number State VIN Number	Local Use ☐ Pre-Fire Plan Available Some of the information presented in this report may be based upon reports from other Agencies ☐ Arson report attached ☐ Police report attached ☐ Coroner report attached ☐ Other reports attached
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I1 Structure Type * If fire was in enclosed building or a portable/mobile structure complete the rest of this form 1 ☒ Enclosed Building 2 ☐ Portable/mobile structure 3 ☐ Open structure 4 ☐ Air supported structure 5 ☐ Tent 6 ☐ Open platform (e.g. piers) 7 ☐ Underground structure (work areas) 8 ☐ Connective structure (e.g. fences) 0 ☐ Other type of structure	I2 Building Status * 1 ☐ Under construction 2 ☒ Occupied & operating 3 ☐ Idle, not routinely used 4 ☐ Under major renovation 5 ☐ Vacant and secured 6 ☐ Vacant and unsecured 7 ☐ Being demolished 0 ☐ Other U ☐ Undetermined	I3 Building * Height Count the ROOF as part of the highest story 003 Total number of stories at or above grade 001 Total number of stories below grade	I4 Main Floor Size* NFIRS-3 Structure Fire Total square feet 875 OR Length in feet 035 BY Width in feet 025
J1 Fire Origin * 001 ☐ Below Grade Story of fire origin	J3 Number of Stories Damaged By Flame Count the ROOF as part of the highest story Number of stories w/ minor damage (1 to 24% flame damage) Number of stories w/ significant damage (25 to 49% flame damage) Number of stories w/ heavy damage (50 to 74% flame damage) Number of stories w/ extreme damage (75 to 100% flame damage)		K Material Contributing Most To Flame Spread ☐ Check if no flame spread OR same as material first ignited OR unable to determine Skip To Section L K1 Item contributing most to flame spread K2 Type of material contributing most of flame spread Required only if item contributing code is 00 or <70
J2 Fire Spread * 1 ☐ Confined to object of origin 2 ☐ Confined to room of origin 3 ☒ Confined to floor of origin 4 ☐ Confined to building of origin 5 ☐ Beyond building of origin	L1 Presence of Detectors * (In area of the fire) N ☐ None Present Skip to section M 1 ☒ Present U ☐ Undetermined	L3 Detector Power Supply 1 ☒ Battery only 2 ☐ Hardwire only 3 ☐ Plug in 4 ☐ Hardwire with battery 5 ☐ Plug in with battery 6 ☐ Mechanical 7 ☐ Multiple detectors & power supplies 0 ☐ Other U ☐ Undetermined	L5 Detector Effectiveness Required if detector operated 1 ☒ Alerted Occupants, occupants responded 2 ☐ Occupants failed to respond 3 ☐ There were no occupants 4 ☐ Failed to alert occupants U ☐ Undetermined
L2 Detector Type 1 ☒ Smoke 2 ☐ Heat 3 ☐ Combination smoke - heat 4 ☐ Sprinkler, water flow detection 5 ☐ More than 1 type present 0 ☐ Other U ☐ Undetermined	L4 Detector Operation 1 ☐ Fire too small to activate 2 ☒ Operated (Complete Section L5) 3 ☐ Failed to Operate (Complete Section L6) U ☐ Undetermined		L6 Detector Failure Reason Required if detector failed to operate 1 ☐ Power failure, shutoff or disconnect 2 ☐ Improper installation or placement 3 ☐ Defective 4 ☐ Lack of maintenance, includes cleaning 5 ☐ Battery missing or disconnected 6 ☐ Battery discharged or dead 0 ☐ Other U ☐ Undetermined
M1 Presence of Automatic Extinguishment System * N ☒ None Present 1 ☐ Present Complete rest of Section M	M3 Automatic Extinguishment System Operation Required if fire was within designed range 1 ☐ Operated & effective (Go to M4) 2 ☐ Operated & not effective (M4) 3 ☐ Fire too small to activate 4 ☐ Failed to operate (Go to M5) 0 ☐ Other U ☐ Undetermined	M5 Automatic Extinguishment System Failure Reason Required if system failed 1 ☐ System shut off 2 ☐ Not enough agent discharged 3 ☐ Agent discharged but did not reach fire 4 ☐ Wrong type of system 5 ☐ Fire not in area protected 6 ☐ System components damaged 7 ☐ Lack of maintenance 8 ☐ Manual Intervention 0 ☐ Other U ☐ Undetermined	
M2 Type of Automatic Extinguishment System * Required if fire was within designed range of AES 1 ☐ Wet pipe sprinkler 2 ☐ Dry pipe sprinkler 3 ☐ Other sprinkler system 4 ☐ Dry chemical system 5 ☐ Foam system 6 ☐ Halogen type system 7 ☐ Carbon dioxide (CO ₂) system 0 ☐ Other special hazard system U ☐ Undetermined		M4 Number of Sprinkler Heads Operating Required if system operated Number of sprinkler heads operating	

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K1 Person/Entity Involved

Local Option

Business name (if applicable)

Area Code

Phone Number

☐ Check this box if same address as incident location. Then skip the three duplicate address lines.

Mr., Ms., Mrs. First Name

MI

Last Name

Suffix

Number

Prefix

Street or Highway

Street Type

Suffix

Post Office Box

Apt./Suite/Room

City

State Zip Code

☐ More people involved? Check this box and attach Supplemental Forms (NFIRS-1S) as necessary

K2 Owner☐

Same as person involved? Then check this box and skip The rest of this section.

Business name (if Applicable)

651

776

1965

Area Code

Phone Number

Local Option

☒ Check this box if same address as incident location. Then skip the three duplicate address lines.

Mr., Ms., Mrs. First Name

MI

Last Name

Suffix

884

Prefix

MOUND

ST

Suffix

Post Office Box

Apt./Suite/Room

SAINT PAUL

City

MN

55106

State Zip Code

L Remarks

Local Option

A FIRE IN A KITCHEN STARTED BY THE RESIDENT COOKING FOOD ON THE STOVE TOP AND LEAVING IT UNATTENDED. THE HOUSE WAS FULL OF CLUTTER. THE FIRE EXTENDED FROM THE KITCHEN ON THE FIRST FLOOR IN THE BACK OF THE HOUSE TO THE FRONT OF THE HOUSE. FIRE CREWS EXTINGUISHED THE FIRE AND PERFORMED VENTILATION AND SALVAGE AND OVERHAUL. FIRE INVESTIGATOR KROEGER ON SCENE FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

L Authorization

9161

Officer in charge ID

KATZ, ANTHONY J

Signature

150

Position or rank

C3

Assignment

03

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2014

Month Day Year

Check Box if same as Officer in charge. ☒

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Member making report ID

KATZ, ANTHONY J.

Signature

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FIRE INCIDENT DISPOSITION



INCIDENT NUMBER:	14-08307	DATE OF INCIDENT: 03-20-2014																					
TIME OF INCIDENT:	1605 Hours	POLICE CASE #: N/A																					
INVESTIGATOR(s):	Brian Kroeger																						
INCIDENT ADDRESS:	884 Mound Street, 55106																						
OCCUPANT NAME:	Larry and Emiko Hall	PHONE: 651-776-1965																					
OWNER NAME:	Same	PHONE: Same																					
ADDRESS OF OWNER:	Same																						
PROPERTY DAMAGED:	Single Family Dwelling	AREA OF ORIGIN: Kitchen																					
DAMAGE ESTIMATE:	Building \$75,000	Vehicle \$	Other (Describe) \$																				
VALUE:	Building \$146,200	Vehicle \$	Other (Describe) \$																				
Damage Estimate CONTENTS ONLY:	\$50,000																						
INJURY/DEATH (if yes, explain)	☒ No ☐ Yes																						
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SYNOPSIS:	The Fire Department was called for a report of smoke coming from a house and the residents running out. On arrival, Engine #4 and Squad #1 found a kitchen fire with smoke and fire extension. Crews extinguished the fire and performed overhaul. Residents described smelling smoke upstairs and then seeing flames coming from the kitchen stove. The first materials ignited were ordinary household items. The ignition source was heat from the stovetop burners. Accidental factors brought these items together. The classification of fire cause is accidental.																						
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FIRE INVESTIGATION REPORT

INCIDENT NO: 14-08307 DATE: 03/20/2014 TIME: 1605 HOURS

ADDRESS: 884 MOUND STREET

INSURANCE CO: UNKNOWN

DAMAGE ESTIMATE: \$140,000

SYNOPSIS: On Thursday, March 20, 2014, at 1605 hours, the Saint Paul Fire Department responded to a report of smoke coming from a single-family dwelling with residents running out. The location of the incident was 885 Mound Street. On their arrival, Engine #4 and Squad #1 found a kitchen fire with smoke and fire extension. Crews extinguished the fire and performed overhaul. There was extension to a hallway and stairwell with smoke damage in several other areas. The first materials ignited were ordinary household items. The ignition source was heat from the stovetop burners. Accidental factors brought these items together. The classification of fire cause is accidental.

PEOPLE: Property Owner/Occupant, LARRY HALL, 884 Mound Street, 55106, (H)651-776-1965 and (C)651-269-2086, DOB 08/16/1941.

Property Owner/Occupant, EMIKO HALL, 884 Mound Street, 55106, (H)651-776-1965 and (C)651-269-2089, DOB 10/20/1933.

BACKGROUND: I heard the initial dispatch of companies over the air at 1605 hours. I responded to the incident scene and arrived at approximately 1620 hours. Crews had extinguished the primary body of the fire at that time and were searching for fire extension. Weather conditions on my arrival were mostly clear skies, southeast winds at 6 mph, air temperature of 43° Fahrenheit and a wind chill of 39° Fahrenheit. I remained on scene until approximately 1755 hours.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: The structure is a two and a half story single family dwelling that measures approximately 35 feet deep and 25 feet wide. The structure was built in 1906. The address side faces roughly east-northeast, but for clarity in this report the address side will be denoted as "east" with other directions following this. The exterior is sided. There is a one story porch area on part of the back of the house. There is a driveway on the south side but no garage. The lot slopes away from the rear west side of the house so that there is a large retaining wall at the rear of the property.

EXTERIOR EXAMINATION: Visual inspection of the exterior found that most of the windows had been broken during firefighting operations. Some of the windows had some smoke damage above them, especially on the second floor, on the driveway side, and by the rear porch. The unused door into the rear porch, facing north, showed some heat damage. The area above the front door entryway showed some smoke and fire damage, and there was fire damage on the

exterior door frame of the front door. The electric service enters the house at the back and the gas service meter is in the front.

INTERIOR EXAMINATION: Visual inspection of the interior showed that the basement was undamaged. Fire crews had shut off all of the breakers. There was a boiler for radiator heat. No basement utilities or appliances appeared involved with fire.

Inspection of the third floor revealed minimal damage. Windows were broken and there were substantial contents.

Inspection of the second floor showed a front bedroom to the east and a rear bedroom in the southwest corner, both with some smoke damage. There was a bathroom/sitting room in the northwest corner with heavier smoke damage. This room was located above the kitchen. The second floor hallway ceiling suffered heavy smoke damage. There was a smoke detector in this area.

The first floor front doorway opens into a front entry room that leads to the upstairs stairway, in the center of the north wall, a short hallway to the kitchen, and an entrance to the living room. The living room is in the southeast corner of the first floor and had suffered moderate smoke damage throughout. The dining room is behind the living room and also showed moderate smoke and some heat damage throughout. The dining room has a door into the kitchen. The front room, northeast corner, had smoke and fire damage down to three or four feet from the floor. In this room, the frame of the front exterior door was charred and the door to the hallway/kitchen was heavily charred.

The short hallway contained stairs to the basement. The door to the basement stairs was burned through and this area generally showed heavy fire damage.

The kitchen is in the rear northwest corner of the floor and is open to the rear porch area. The sink is on the wall facing the dining room. The stove is on the wall facing the stairwells to the east. The porch area showed minor fire and some smoke damage. The area near the front of the kitchen showed very heavy fire damage, with very heavy charring on the walls and ceiling joists above the stove area.

The gas stove had numerous household contents on top of it. The oven compartment had a number of kitchen items in it, but no fire exposure. The knobs on the front of the stove were all burned away, but it appeared that the two on the right were in the "off" position. The center knob stem and those on the left were coated with heat damaged materials making it difficult to ascertain their position. The rear of the stove did not appear heavily damaged. No labels could be located on the stove. An electrical outlet behind the stove had two items plugged into it. The plugs and the outlet showed no suggestion of shorting.

Fire patterns suggest the fire began on the kitchen stovetop, and then extended upward to the kitchen ceiling and the hallway, and then up the stairway to the second floor.

INTERVIEWS: Property Owner/Occupant, LARRY HALL, was interviewed on the scene on Thursday, March 20, 2014, and he stated the following:

- He was upstairs, on the third floor, on the computer, when he smelled what he thought was plastic burning.
- He ran down to the second floor where EMIKO HALL was and saw heavy smoke.
- He heard a smoke detector sounding, but that did not initially alert him to the fire.
- They went down to the first floor and saw flames in the kitchen in the area of the stove.
- He tried to smother the flames with a blanket but was unsuccessful.
- They then evacuated the structure.
- They have insurance but cannot recall with what company.
- They own the home, but have about \$75,000 or \$80,000 left on the mortgage.
- They have lived there for 30 or 35 years.
- They have had no prior fire incidents.
- There is nothing unusual happening in the neighborhood lately.
- No one in the house smokes.
- There have been no recent problems with the utilities.
- The gas stove is about a year old and has had no problems.

Property Owner/Occupant, EMIKO HALL, was interviewed on the scene on Thursday, March 20, 2014, and she stated the following:

- She went upstairs at about 3:40 pm. and was watching TV on the second floor when she smelled smoke.

- They went down to the first floor and saw flames in the kitchen in the area of the stove.
- After they were unable to smother the flames, they evacuated the structure.
- She turned off the stove before she went upstairs at 3:40 p.m.

PHOTOGRAPHS: Digital photographs were taken. A sketch of the first floor is included.

EVIDENCE: No evidence was collected.

CONCLUSION: After examination of the fire scene and the interviews conducted, it is my opinion that this fire began on or near the stovetop in the kitchen. The residents reported turning off the stove approximately 25 minutes before the fire was discovered. It appears the stove may have inadvertently been turned on or left on at that time. This is consistent with the numerous miscellaneous items found on the stovetop, any number of which could have provided fuel for a fire. The first materials ignited were ordinary household items. The ignition source was heat from the stovetop burners. Accidental factors brought these items together. The classification of fire cause is accidental. This concludes my investigation and report.

B. Kroeger, Fire Investigator, C Shift, March 20, 2014

BK/su



884 Mound St March 20 2014
#14-08307

Not to Scale

