Fox River & Countryside Fire Rescue District

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Firefighters Quickly Extinguish Residential Deck Fire, Preventing Interior Damage

ST. CHARLES, IL — On Saturday, November 21, 2026, at approximately 11:33 a.m., the Fox River & Countryside Fire/Rescue District was dispatched to a reported structure fire at 40W013 Margaret Mitchell Street.

Upon arrival, firefighters encountered flames and heavy smoke coming from the rear of the residence. Crews discovered a fire involving the home's rear deck, with extension to the exterior siding of the residence. An outdoor air conditioning unit was also involved.

Firefighters quickly advanced a hose line to the rear of the residence and extinguished the fire in less than five minutes. Crews subsequently opened portions of the deck to locate and extinguish any remaining fire extension.

Despite the fire's involvement of the home's exterior, firefighters successfully prevented it from spreading into the interior of the residence.

The home was occupied at the time of the incident; however, all residents and their pets had safely evacuated prior to the arrival of firefighters. No injuries to residents, pets, or firefighters were reported, and the occupants were able to remain in their home following the incident.

"This incident is a good example of how a rapid response and effective firefighting operations can prevent a relatively small fire from becoming a much more serious event," said Fire Chief Michael Hill. "Our crews were able to quickly bring the fire under control and prevent it from spreading into the home. Most importantly, everyone was able to evacuate safely, no one was injured, and the residents were able to remain in their home."

The cause of the fire remains under investigation.