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## House fire further damages home, one firefighter taken to the hospital

At 2:26 am on May 2, 2019, the Faribault Fire Department, Faribault Police Department, and North Memorial Ambulance responded to a house fire at 1811 7<sup>th</sup> St. NW in Faribault, Minnesota. Flames were visible from the exterior of the home and smoke was coming out of all sides of the structure.

Fire crews made a quick initial knock down of the fire and then completed an initial search for victims as it wasn't confirmed that the home was unoccupied. Firefighters did not find anyone in the home. The fire was able to penetrate many areas of the building as it was still in disrepair from a previous fire on Feb. 22 of this year. Crews spent a lot of time in overhaul mode to ensure that the fire was completely out.

The State Fire Marshal's Office was contacted and an investigator will be assisting the fire department and the police department with an investigation. At this time, the cause fire is considered under investigation.

Fire Chief Dustin Dienst commented, "We are thankful that no one was occupying the structure at the time of the fire".