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## *Press Release*

### **Medina Fire Department Responds to Structure Fire**

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Shortly after 10:00 Sunday morning, the Medina Fire Department was dispatched for a possible structure fire at 140 Roseland Avenue in the Village. A neighbor heard a smoke detector activated in the vacant residence and saw smoke coming from the single family dwelling. The neighbor called 911 and the Medina Fire Department was dispatched as well as a FAST Team from Lyndonville Fire Department and automatic mutual assistance from the Shelby Fire Company.

Captain Michael Maak and firefighters arrived on scene to find smoke coming from the structure, but no visible fire. Upon further investigation of the interior, fire crews reported heavy smoke conditions within the home and located a fire in an 8x10ft room in the basement, which was quickly extinguished.

The fire was investigated by the Orleans County Fire Investigation Unit. The cause of the fire was determined to be spontaneous combustion, attributed to the storage of household cleaning products in a moist, heated atmosphere with little air movement.

“This fire, though unfortunate, serves as an example of the importance of installing and maintaining smoke detectors in your home,” said Jeffrey Elsenheimer Jr., Public Information Officer. The Medina Fire Department offers free smoke detectors and installation to all village residents. “Properly installed and maintained smoke detectors provide an early warning of a fire and can help save property and lives,” Elsenheimer said. To have up to two smoke detectors installed in your home, contact the Medina Fire Department at 798-1661.

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