

News Release

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Rock Island Fire Department responds to early morning house fire

On December 1 at 5:51 a.m., the Rock Island Fire Department was dispatched to a structure fire in the 1100 block of 15th Avenue. The first arriving fire unit was on the scene within two minutes, observing heavy smoke coming from the windows. Fire crews immediately initiated a primary search, locating a male victim inside the front door. Personnel removed the individual and immediately administered life-saving procedures before transporting the victim to UnityPoint Health – Trinity Rock Island, where the man subsequently succumbed to his injuries.

The Rock Island Fire Department received mutual aid from the Moline Fire Department and the Arsenal Fire Department.

The structure has been declared a total loss, with preliminary damage estimated at \$30,000. The cause and origin of the fire remain under investigation by the Office of the Fire Marshal.