



Press Release
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On 10-19-2012 at 2:58PM the Arnolds Park/Okoboji Fire and Rescue was dispatched to a reported structure fire at 303 202nd Street the Gary Walburg residence in Arnolds Park. Upon arrival at the location firefighters were met with light to moderate smoke filling the basement and home. Firefighters with the aid of the homeowner quickly located the seat of the fire in the Northwest corner of the basement and were able to expose and extinguish the fire within 20 minutes. Firefighters remained on scene approximately one hour removing and extinguishing smoldering materials, investigating the cause of the fire and evacuating smoke from the home to help reduce the damage to the home. Preliminary damage estimates are \$5,000-\$10,000 dollars. The homeowner was present at the time of the fire and called the fire department for assistance. No injuries were reported to civilians or firefighters on the scene. After a department investigation the cause of the fire was determined to be accidental in nature caused by sparks emitted from a grinder the homeowner had used to remove rebar from the patio area on the northwest side of the home. The department was assisted by the Milford Fire Department who was called early on due to an initial shortage of personnel responding and the Arnolds Park and Milford Police departments.

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