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Frederick County Fire Investigations Task Force Determines Arson *Vehicle Fire Extends to Townhomes in Frederick*

FREDERICK, MD (July 7, 2022) – At approximately 4:33 a.m. on Wednesday, July 7, 2022 the Frederick County Emergency Communications Center dispatched a call for a reported house fire in the 1300 block of Hampshire Drive, Frederick. Additional information received, reported a vehicle on fire outside the garage of a townhome and advised that all occupants were out of the residence. Frederick County Division of Fire and Rescue units arrived to find a minivan fully engulfed and impending on 2 townhomes. Crews began working immediately to extinguish the vehicle fire and protect the structures. All residents from both townhomes were able to safely evacuate without injury and are able to reoccupy the structures.

It took 30 firefighters approximately 30 minutes to extinguish the fire and an additional 30 minutes to ventilate and perform overhaul. There were no civilian or firefighter injuries. The Frederick County Fire Investigations Task Force investigated and has determined the cause of the fire to be intentional. If anyone has any information regarding the incident please contact Lieutenant Matthew Knight, Frederick County Fire Marshal's Office at 301-600-2251 or Detective Sean McKinney, Frederick Police Department at 240-578-5683.

The different stations that responded include:

- United Steam Fire Company
- Junior Fire Company
- Independent Hose Company

- Citizens Truck Company
- Northgate Fire Station
- Braddock Heights Fire Company
- Ft. Detrick

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Additional photos of the incident can be found on Facebook @FCDFRS, Twitter, and Instagram.

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