



OSWEGO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



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Press Release

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Structure Fire- Iconic Historic Home 400 Block of Main Street

(Oswego, IL) Rapidly spreading fire ripped through an over 120-year-old residential home.

Just prior to 10:30, Ken-Com 911 center received a call from a passerby that "The Pillars Home" was on fire. A general alarm response was dispatched for the Oswego Fire Protection District. Upon arrival, firefighters were faced with a rapidly spreading fire on both the first and second floor of the home. Neighbors reported that a mother and four children "should be" in the home. Firefighters launched an aggressive interior attack on the fire and began search and rescue operations. Firefighters fought their way to the second floor and continued to search. Firefighting efforts were hampered due to water supply issues, which later was discovered to be a water main break. Neighbors were able to contact the residents of the home and confirm that everyone was out of the house, and nobody was home. At this time the fire had spread to the attic of the home and quickly engulfed the roof. Firefighters were forced to evacuate the home and began defensive operations. Firefighters remained on scene for almost 12 hours. The early 1900's home is believed to be a total loss and uninhabitable because of the fire.

No injuries to civilians or firefighters reported at the conclusion of this fire.

Oswego FPD was assisted on scene with a MABAS Box Alarm response from the following agencies: Bristol-Kendall Fire, Sugar Grove Fire, Aurora Fire, Naperville Fire, and Plainfield Fire. Numerous neighboring agencies helped provide station coverage as well.

The Oswego Fire Protection District was formed by voter referendum in March of 1936, covers over 60 square miles in the northeast portion of Kendall County and about 1.5 square miles of northwest unincorporated Will County.

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