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ADAMS COUNTY FIRE RESPONDS TO STRUCTURE FIRE

ACFR responds to structure fire at 8100 block of Washington St.

DENVER, Colo. – At approximately 6:50 a.m. on Friday Feb. 9, Adams County Fire Rescue was dispatched to the 8100 block of Washington St. when neighbors called 9-1-1 to report a structure fire. The first unit arrived at 6:54 a.m. and saw a townhome fully involved in flames. Firefighters began to simultaneously fight the fire and look for people inside.

Because the sole resident of the townhome had self-evacuated, firefighters continued to fight the fire. Crews knocked down the majority of the fire at approximately 7:39 a.m. but crews remained on the scene checking for hot spots and overhauling the damage until 2:04 p.m. Crews were able to contain the fire to one unit and keep the fire from extending to the adjacent townhomes, saving the homeowners approximately \$142,000 per adjacent townhome. The cause and origin of the fire is still under investigation.

There were no injuries to firefighters. The sole resident of the affected townhome was transported to a nearby hospital with non-life threatening injuries. A total of eight units and 19 firefighters from Adams County Fire Rescue responded to the incident. North Metro Fire, Thornton Fire, Federal Heights Fire assisted with an additional seven units and 14 firefighters. Adams County Sheriffs, Adams County Building Inspections and Xcel Energy also assisted with the incident.

Adams County Fire Rescue would like to remind the public that in less than 30 seconds, a small flame can get completely out of control and begin filling a home with thick, black, poisonous smoke. In just a few minutes, a home can become completely engulfed with flames. With the advance notice of a working smoke alarm, residents can escape with their lives. For a list of these and other safety tips, please visit www.acfpd.org.

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