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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**WORKING SMOKE ALARMS ALERT OCCUPANTS TO HOUSE FIRE**

The Hagerstown Fire Department responded to a house fire at 367 Radcliffe Avenue Hagerstown at approximately 5:10am on Wednesday morning. Fire department units arrived to find heavy volume of fire in the rear of the building and reports of occupants still being inside the building. Firefighters report that due to the amount of fire, they were unable to access the home to search for the reported remaining occupants. The bulk of the fire was reported extinguished by 5:52 am. The house was found to be occupied by four adults, two of which were not at home when the fire started. The two occupants that were home were able to self – evacuate after waking to the home's smoke alarms sounding. One of the occupants did receive minor injuries and was treated at the scene for smoke inhalation. The fire resulted in extensive damage to 367 Radcliffe Avenue house. Additional damage was reported to a neighboring house, garage and a car.

All Hagerstown Fire Department stations responded as well as units from Community Rescue Service, Washington County Air Unit, Rehab Unit and Special Operations Unit, Funkstown Fire Company and Leitersburg Fire Company. The American Red Cross was providing assistance to the occupants.

Hagerstown City Fire Marshal's remained on the scene to conduct an origin and cause examination of the fire scene. The fire was determined to have originated on a rear porch. At this point the fire investigation into the cause is continuing, with the focus on an accidental source of ignition.

The last units cleared the scene at approximately 1600 hrs.

This fire shows that having working smoke alarms do saves lives! The Hagerstown Fire Department wants to remind everyone that Fire Prevention Week is next week and this a good time to inspect and test your smoke alarms. This year's Fire Prevention Week theme, ***“Don't Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 years”*** is a good reminder for residents to check their smoke alarms and replace those that are 10 years or older. City residences needing assistance with their checking their smoke alarms can contact the Hagerstown Fire Department at 301-790-2476 for assistance.

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