

# **Missoula Fire Department**

**625 E. Pine St., Missoula, MT 59802  
(406) 552-6210 voice, (406) 552-6184 fax**



## **Press Release - For Immediate Broadcast**

To: All Media Outlets

From: Joe Toth, Battalion Chief

Re: Woodford Avenue Structure Fire

Date: October 19, 2012

---

Missoula Fire Department was dispatched this Thursday morning to a report of smoke coming from a house at 831 Woodford Avenue. Three engines, a ladder truck, and the Battalion Chief responded. Missoula Emergency Services also responded and City Police managed traffic control.

The initial engine on the scene reported heavy smoke coming from the structure. After a quick assessment, it was determined the fire was located in the basement. The fire crews immediately located the seat of the fire and extinguished the flames. Other crews completed a thorough search for occupants and proceeded with ventilating the smoke. Crews then conducted overhaul operations. The occupant was not home at the time of the fire. However, three dogs succumbed to smoke inhalation. Fire Prevention Bureau personnel responded and initiated their investigation. At this time, the cause is still under investigation and is unknown. There is no estimate yet on the dollar loss. Northwestern Energy assisted with utility control.

For more information please contact the Missoula Fire Department's Fire Prevention Bureau at 552-6210.