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Birmingham Fire Department & OAKWAY Communities Tackled Birmingham Fires Together

BIRMINGHAM, MI, March 30, 2021 – Quick actions by the Birmingham Fire Department and surrounding OAKWAY communities resulted in two fires that were extinguished quickly and with no injuries on Tuesday, March 23, 2021. The fires occurred within one block of each other and just eighteen minutes apart.

A call regarding the first fire, located at Primo’s Pizza – 996 South Adams Road, came in at 5:26 p.m., followed by a call at 5:44 p.m. regarding the second fire at a home in the 1200 block of East Lincoln. In both instances, fire crews were on scene within one minute of the call. OAKWAY communities who quickly responded to assist Birmingham include: Royal Oak, Bloomfield Township, Southfield, Madison Heights, West Bloomfield and Rochester Hills.

“I’m incredibly proud of our brave men and women who knew exactly what to do to extinguish the fires as fast as possible,” said Birmingham Fire Chief Paul Wells. “There were no injuries by civilians or firefighters and we are grateful for the assistance from our OAKWAY partners.”

Birmingham Fire Marshal Jack Pesha determined the fire at Primo’s Pizza was accidental and started as a result of roof repair work that was completed approximately two hours prior to the start of the fire. Propane tanks used for ongoing roof repairs contributed to the large size of the fire. The fire in the 1200 block of East Lincoln began in a dumpster located next to a newly constructed home. The cause of the fire has not yet been determined and the case is ongoing.

“We are so appreciative for the quick thinking and fast response by the fire crews,” said John DeAngelis, owner of Primo’s Pizza. “The building suffered minimal damage to the interior and we hope to reopen as expeditiously as possible. We are very thankful for the tremendous amount of support from the community.”

Learn more about the Birmingham Fire Department and fire safety tips at www.bhamgov.org/fire.

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