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Residential Fire on North 6th Street

MOUNT VERNON—Mount Vernon Fire Department responded to a residential fire on the 100 block of North 6th Street at approximately 10:42 this morning.

The fire began externally, and worked its way through the front entrance area. When crews arrived, the homeowner was outside, applying water to the fire. All occupants had evacuated the home and were unharmed.

Upon arriving and assessing the fire, which had spread down between the first floor and the basement, the fire was upgraded to a second alarm. Fire Districts #6, #3, #2, #4 and #9 responded to assist at the scene, and to backfill MVFD Station 3.

The crews worked successfully to extinguish the fire, and prevent further damage.

“To see a fire spread quickly like this, between floors of an older home, is not uncommon,” said Fire Marshal Steve Riggs. “Older homes typically have balloon-frame construction which allows fire to travel more easily from one floor to another.”

Damage is estimated at well over \$25,000, and Red Cross is assisting the family while repairs are facilitated.

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