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## NEWS RELEASE

<b>Date:</b> March 5, 2009	<b>Releasing Authority</b>
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### Structure Fire 6N853 Route 31

City of St. Charles, Illinois – At 9:59 this evening, the St. Charles Fire Department responded to 6N853 Route 31, in unincorporated St. Charles Township, for a reported house fire. Firefighters arrived at 10:05 and encountered a house that was well involved in fire. As there were no fire hydrants in the subdivision, firefighters established a water supply from a fire hydrant in a near-by subdivision that was within the City of St. Charles. The fire was brought under control in approximately 1 hour but firefighters remain on the scene as of the writing of this release. One of the occupants was at home at the time of the fire. He woke after hearing a noise thought to be originating in the basement. He found heavy smoke in the home. He was able to self evacuate and call 911. There were no injuries. The home is not habitable and loss is estimated at \$350,000 to the structure and \$50,000 to the contents. Fire department investigators are working on determining the cause of the fire. Further information on cause will be released when the information is available. Due to the lack of fire hydrants, the St. Charles Fire Department escalated the fire to a second alarm utilizing MABAS. Assistance was received from the Geneva, Batavia, Elburn, West Chicago, South Elgin, North Aurora, Burlington, Fermi Lab and Pingree Grove Fire Departments. End.