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NEWS FROM THE ST. CHARLES FIRE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

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Residential Basement Fire

ST. CHARLES, III. (September 28, 2026) - The St. Charles Fire Department responded to a report of a structure fire located in the 400 block of Beatrice Ave. at approximately 5:15 p.m. on September 28, 2026. The first unit arrived on scene in approximately 5 minutes and reported light smoke showing from the exterior.

The fire was reported by the homeowner who attempted to extinguish the fire prior to fire crews arriving on scene utilizing a fire extinguisher. Crews completed extinguishment, salvage and overhaul operations.

There were no firefighter injuries with one civilian injury reported at this incident. The civilian was treated at the scene and signed a medical release. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

The St. Charles Fire Department was assisted at this incident by fire departments from Batavia, Geneva, Elburn, South Elgin, Bartlett and West Chicago, and the St. Charles Police Department.

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About the City of St. Charles Fire Department

The St. Charles Fire Department provides fire suppression, rescue, emergency medical, emergency management, fire inspection and public education services to the St. Charles, Illinois, community. The Department earned a Class 1 PPC ISO rating and is fully accredited by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International and the Center for Public Safety Excellence, Inc. A full-time Department of the City of St. Charles, the St. Charles Fire Department serves the 33,000 residents and more than 2,000 businesses from three stations within the City. The City of St. Charles is conveniently located 35 miles west of Chicago, in Kane and northwestern DuPage Counties. The City is guided by the three driving principles in its Mission: *Service. Tradition. Community.* Together, these principles create a thriving environment for people who live or visit here, and for businesses to prosper. More at stcharlesil.gov, and follow us on [Facebook](#), [X/Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

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