



PRESS RELEASE: (update)

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SUBJECT: **Zionsville building fire update**

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The Zionsville Fire Department was dispatched to a report of a residence fire at 76 ½ South Main Street in Zionsville at 3:45 a.m. on September 18, 2017. Crews arrived on the scene to find smoke coming from the second floor apartment area on Main Street, as well as the roofline of the attached adjacent Noah Grant's restaurant. Crews began an aggressive interior attack on both sides of the building to bring the fire under control. Ladder trucks were used to gain access to the roof for ventilation.

One resident was home at the time of the fire and made it out of the apartment before crews arrived. There were three businesses affected: Silk Purse Antiques, Noah Grant's and Julie Bova Design. There were no occupants in any of the businesses at the time of the fire. There was one firefighter injury reported at the scene. They were transported to a local hospital, treated and released the same day. Preliminary damage estimates for the contents of the three businesses and the building may reach as high as \$750,000 according to Fire Department officials.

The Zionsville Fire Department Investigators have concluded their investigation determining the area of origin for the fire was located in the basement of Noah Grant's restaurant. The ignition source for this fire is the result of an exothermic reaction resulting in spontaneous ignition of rags contained in the trash container and subsequent ignition of surrounding combustibles and construction of the building. The cause of the fire was determined to be accidental.

Agencies assisting at the fire scene included: Pike Fire Department, Whitestown Fire Department, Boone County EMS, Carmel Fire Department, Perry Township Fire Department, Indianapolis Fire Department and Zionsville Police Department. Lebanon Fire Department provided fill-in coverage at Zionsville Fire Station 91.