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**Fire at 1316 8<sup>th</sup> Ave**

*Lewiston, Idaho – February 6, 2017:*

At 9:05 this morning Lewiston Fire Department crews were dispatched to a reported fire in a home at 1316 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Upon arrival crews found smoke coming from the structure and it was reported that there was a fire in the basement. Everyone was out of the structure when fire crews arrived.

Crews were able to contain the fire to the area of the furnace in the basement and there was some extension around the chimney leading to the attic. Crews remain on scene checking for hot spots and overhauling the fire.

The department responded with three engines, three ambulances, one service vehicle, two command officers and two fire investigators, totaling 18 personnel. Lewiston Police and Traffic Services provided traffic control and Avista Utilities responded to secure utilities to the home.

The cause of the fire is under investigation, but it appears the fire started in the area of the furnace. There is fire and water damage in the basement and smoke damage throughout the home.

The owner of the structure was checked out by fire personnel for smoke inhalation, but was not transported.

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