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At 08:11 AM Monday, September 23, Fire Services personnel were dispatched to 474 Pine Avenue for smoke inside the residence with smoke detectors sounding. Upon arrival personnel found heavy smoke coming from the south side of the structure and heavy fire in the back of the residence.

Personnel were able to suppress the large body of fire in the rear kitchen area of the structure however by the time this was accomplished fire quickly spread the attic and second floor through void spaces in the walls. Personnel remained on scene until approximately 12:30 PM to locate and extinguish hidden fire in the second floor and roof area.

The residence was occupied at the time of the fire and both the female occupant and her daughter evacuated safely and were not injured. Total damage to the structure and contents is estimated to be \$80,000. The cause of the fire is under investigation however it appears to have originated in the kitchen. The fire is not considered suspicious.

HDPS Fire Services personnel were assisted by police services and AMR. Mutual aid was received from the Graafschap, Hamilton and Park Township fire departments. These department's responded with HDPS personnel to 6 additional calls for service during this time, one of which included a second possible residential fire at 130 East 19th. The call was a result of discarded smoking material that were smoldering in the basement. Damage was minimal.

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