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Flames stretched into the cold winter night sky as a fire engulfed a Holyoke home at 601 W. Gordon St. Tuesday, Feb. 4.

Luckily, the home was empty and no one was hurt in the incident that caused extensive smoke and fire damage to the property.

Holyoke Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched at 7:05 p.m. and arrived on scene at 7:06 p.m. Holyoke Fire Chief David Churchwell noted that the department's response was particularly quick as some of the guys were in the fire shed working on trucks and were able to leave as soon as the call came in.



Holyoke firefighters were greeted by flames and smoke billowing from the home at 601 W. Gordon St. Tuesday night, Feb. 4 when they arrived on scene. It took nearly three and a half hours to secure the residence. ☐☐

—Photo by Joanie Groshans

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Firefighters worked diligently in the subzero temperatures to secure the home. The flames were immediately doused with water, but firefighters continued to clear the smoke and handle any hot spots within the home until past 10:30 p.m.

Approximately 2,500 gallons of water was used to suffocate the fire. As of Tuesday, Feb. 11, the cause of the fire is undetermined but likely started at the south end of the house.

The home, which is owned by Holyoke Community Federal Credit Union, was recently refurbished. Renovations were completed in mid-January. An appraisal was scheduled to take place in the near future and the house was expected to hit the market shortly after.

Currently it is unknown if the home will have to be torn down.



The aftermath of a Tuesday, Feb. 4 fire left the exterior of the home at 601 W. Gordon St. with roof damage, charred siding and several broken windows.

—Enterprise photo

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