



# Woodstock Fire/Rescue District

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**News Release:** Queen Anne Road House Fire – 08/08/25

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On August 8, 2025, at 7:51 a.m., the Woodstock Fire/Rescue District responded to the 200 block of S. Queen Anne Road after several callers reported heavy black smoke in the area, possibly from a building on fire. Firefighters arrived within six minutes and located a large two-story home that was fully involved with heavy smoke, flames, and significant structural collapse.

The incident was quickly upgraded to a working fire, then elevated through the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) to the second level for additional manpower and water supply, as the rural area lacks fire hydrants. Rural water operations were established along the roadway, with the residence located approximately 900 feet from the street. Multiple hose lines were deployed, and a ladder truck was positioned to flow water from above. Shortly after operations began, incident command confirmed that no people were inside the home.

During suppression efforts, firefighters rescued four dogs through a basement door. The dogs had inhaled a significant amount of smoke and sustained minor burns, but are reportedly in good health. Six additional dogs, believed to have been on the upper levels of the home, remain unaccounted for.

The fire was brought under control within 90 minutes, though hot spots and flare-ups are expected to continue for an undetermined amount of time. The structure and its contents are considered a complete loss. Damage estimates are still being evaluated. Representatives from the American Red Cross responded to the scene and are working to provide assistance to the homeowners during this hardship. The cause of the fire remains under investigation by the Woodstock Fire/Rescue District, with assistance from the McHenry County Sheriff's Office.

An estimated 15 fire agencies assisted either at the scene or through change-of-quarters coverage, along with the Salvation Army Canteen. We also thank our dispatchers for their role in coordinating resources and communications during the incident. The final crews cleared the scene shortly after 12:00 p.m. We appreciated everyone's assistance during a very busy morning throughout Woodstock.

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