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## \*\*\* NEWS RELEASE \*\*\*

### Lightning Strike Causes House Fire

**DUBLIN** – On July 29, 2021, the Washington Township Fire Department received a 911 call about a lightning strike to a chimney at a house on 5330 Roscommon Rd. When crews arrived on scene, smoke could be seen and firefighters immediately went into the home looking for hot spots. A fire was found underneath the floorboards of the rear sunporch of the home. The fire was safely put out in about 30 minutes. No injuries were reported.

The fire was investigated and determined to be a result of a lightning strike which occurred in the inclement weather that hit our area. The electrical activity from the lightning strike created a small hole in a corrugated stainless steel tubing gas line and resulted in a small fire. Damage to the home was stated around \$40-50,000.

The fire was ruled accidental.

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