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**Bath Township Fire Department Responds to House Fire**

December 2, 2021

Bath Township Fire Department responded to a report of a structure fire located at 608 E. Williams Ave., Lima, Ohio, in Bath Township at 12:40 P.M. on 12/2/21.

Upon arrival, firefighters observed heavy smoke and fire coming from front of the house and the garage.

The house is owned by Imogene Collins who was not home at the time of the fire. Pearl Oliver was in the house at the time of the fire and was assisted by a neighbor to get out.

The house suffered heavy heat, smoke, and water damage throughout. Several animals were removed by firefighters including both domesticated and exotic. Firefighters encountered some difficulty in extinguishment due to the large amount of personal items in the home.

Their property is insured. Fire department officials estimate the damage at 10,000.00 to the contents and \$20,000.00 to the structure.

No fire department personnel were injured. Lima Fire Department, Perry Township Fire Department, and American Township Fire Department were called to the scene for mutual aid.

The cause of the fire is undetermined and under investigation, but not suspicious. The family was assisted by the Allen County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

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