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### **WORKING FIRE 1101 E. UNIVERSITY, URBANA, IL.**

Date & Time of alarm: March 2, 2023 / Approx. 00:39 Hrs.

The Urbana Fire Department was called to a report of smoke in the building at the above address. Three (3) engines, one (1) ladder, and a command officer were initially dispatched. Fire units were on the scene approx. 4 minutes from dispatch. Upon arrival the first crew was met by employees from MTD that occupy the east portion of the building. They reported that there was a fire in the west wing of the building. This area is occupied by Urbana School District 116. This building is a single story office complex. First arriving crews noted fire in the middle entrance, this was declared a working fire which dispatched another engine and Urbana Chief Officers. The first engine deployed a handline and made a fast knock on the fire. The building was also searched by crews and determined to not be occupied. The fire was brought under control less than 12 minutes after first arrival. Fire crews continued overhaul and ventilation of the building. No firefighter or civilian injuries were reported. MTD was able to safely occupy their half of the building and were not displaced. District 116 will need to evaluate operations going forward. There was heavy damage to the front office area of their wing.

Damage estimates have not been determined at the time of this release.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

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