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Valeria Street Fire Investigation Continues

DUBUQUE, Iowa – City of Dubuque Fire Marshal Mark Ludescher reports that yesterday's structure fire at 306 Valeria Street in Dubuque remains under investigation.

The Dubuque Fire Department responded at approximately 6:08 p.m. on Sunday, March 20, to an explosion followed by a fire at 306 Valeria Street in Dubuque. Numerous witnesses reported the explosion. The structure at the property is an owner-occupied, three-story brick duplex. Three individuals reside at the address but the property owner was the only one home at the time of the incident.

Ludescher said there is heavy smoke, heat, and water damage to the entire structure. Initial analysis indicates the fire originated on the first floor, near the kitchen and rear stairway entrance.

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