

**VALLEY CITY**

**POLICE**

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**MEDIA RELEASE:**

On 1-23-2022 at 0329 the Valley City Police Department and Valley City Fire Department were dispatched to a residential structure fire in the 900 block 2<sup>nd</sup> St SE. A large amount of fire and smoke was encountered by VCPD officers upon their arrival preventing them from entering the home to search for residents. VCFD was able to extinguish the fire but the home is a total loss.

Upon investigation of who may be an occupant of the residence it was determined that 1 person was unaccounted for after the fire was out. An extensive overhaul and search of the residence was conducted and an occupant of the home was found deceased in the lower level. Remains have been sent to UND Forensic Pathology Department for autopsy.

There will be no further information given on this incident until family can be found and notified. There is no initial indication of what had caused the fire. If anyone has further information into this incident please call VCPD at 701-845-3110.

VCFD was assisted by the Barnes County Ambulance, Valley City Public Works, North Dakota Fire Marshall's Office and the ATF.

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