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Aggressive blaze at Briar Hill

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MFB Firefighters were called to a house fire in Briar Hill shortly after 10pm this evening.

Crews reached the Mountain View Road property in less than five minutes. On arrival the found a single story weatherboard house fully alight.

It was an aggressive blaze and firefighting efforts at the 20mx30m weatherboard property were made difficult due to a high fuel load.

This meant that MFB and CFA firefighting crews on scene were initially unable to enter the building. Instead, they set up hose lines from outside the structure and worked to control the fire.

While the external firefighting offensive was underway, the rear of the premises collapsed which further hindered the efforts of crews.

At the peak of the fire there were seven firefighting appliances and almost 30 firefighters on scene.

Quick work by crews in trying conditions meant this fierce blaze was under control by 10:46pm. They ensured that the fire did not spread to neighbouring properties.

Due to fears of further structural collapse and potential asbestos, firefighters have implemented additional safety precautions.

Unfortunately a deceased male was located by firefighters inside the house.

Along with MFB and CFA firefighters, Ambulance Victoria Paramedics are on scene assisting Victoria Police.

**UPDATE:** The cause of the fire is yet to be determined, but specialist MFB fire investigators have deemed it as not suspicious.

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