

Grand Chute Fire Department

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APARTMENT FIRE QUICKLY EXTINGUISHED

Damage Confined to Unit of Origin; No Injuries Reported

GRAND CHUTE – On Thursday January 26th at 1:33 PM the Grand Chute Fire Department was dispatched to Applegate Estates Apartments, located at 2005 West Russet Court for a report of a structure fire. Outagamie County 911 Dispatchers provided additional information stating that smoke and flames were visible from a unit in the complex which was in the process of being evacuated. Companies from the City of Appleton and Village of Fox Crossing Fire Departments also responded under automatic aid agreements in place.

First arriving fire personnel found nothing showing from the building exterior and proceeded to make entry to investigate. Crews were met with a light haze in the common hallway of the building, and immediately located the involved unit which was charged with heavy smoke. The room and contents fire was quickly knocked down and declared under control at approximately 1:50 PM.

The fire was confined to the unit of origin which was unoccupied at the time, and the seven other apartments remaining largely unaffected by fire the with the exception of some minor smoke damage. The fire unit was untenable after the incident, however the occupants of the seven other apartments were able to reoccupy prior to fire personnel clearing the scene. Gold Cross Ambulance was requested to standby on scene, and no responder or civilian injuries were reported. The Grand Chute Police Department, Grand Chute Building Inspections, and We Energies also responded and assisted. Damage estimates have not yet been made available, and the fire remains under investigation but is not considered to be suspicious.

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