

# *Grand Chute Fire Department*

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**ROOFTOP UNIT FIRE AT GRAND CHUTE WALMART UNDER CONTROL**

*Fire Under Investigation; One Firefighter Suffers Non-Life Threatening Injuries*

GRAND CHUTE – On Friday December 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:16 AM the Grand Chute Fire Department was dispatched to Walmart, located at 955 North Mutual Way for a report of a structure fire. Outagamie County 911 Dispatchers provided additional information stating that flames were visible from the roof of the store which was 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 heavy fire conditions visible from a rooftop refrigeration unit of the “big-box” store. Despite treacherous weather conditions, firefighters quickly accessed the roof and were able to extinguish the fire which was isolated to the rooftop unit initially involved. The fire was brought under control at approximately 2:00 AM.

With the fire confined to the rooftop refrigeration unit, the interior of the building remained largely unaffected by the incident and the store was able to reopen prior to fire units clearing the scene. Damage estimates have not yet been made available, however the 20 by 60 foot refrigeration unit was a total loss. Gold Cross Ambulance was requested to standby on scene, and transported one firefighter who sustained non-life threatening injuries. The Grand Chute Fire Department is investigating the cause of the fire which has not been determined.

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