

# GRAND CHUTE FIRE DEPARTMENT



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## **RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE FIRE EXTINGUISHED**

*No Injuries Reported; Fire Under Investigation, Not Considered Suspicious*

GRAND CHUTE – On Saturday December 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:19 AM the Grand Chute Fire Department was dispatched to the 400 Block of West Sunset Avenue for a report of a structure fire. Outagamie County 911 Dispatchers provided additional information stating that the occupants were reporting smoke coming from an electrical outlet. Appleton and Fox Crossing Fire Units were also called to the scene to assist in accordance with automatic aid agreements in place.

First arriving crews reported nothing showing from the exterior of the single-family dwelling and proceeded inside to investigate. Crews located a fire burning inside the walls of the residence adjacent to a fireplace which was in use at time. The fire was quickly confined and extinguished by crews operating on scene, and did not extend into the attic of the residence. As a result of the fire, utilities serving the residence had to be disconnected. The occupants were subsequently displaced, and were assisted with alternate lodging arrangements by the American Red Cross.

Fire personnel remained on scene for several hours conducting salvage and overhaul operations. Despite the extremely frigid weather conditions, no responder or civilian injuries were reported. Additional agencies assisting on scene included the Grand Chute Police Department, Gold Cross Ambulance, We Energies, and Grand Chute Public Works. No damage estimate was available at the time of this release. The Grand Chute Fire Department is investigating the cause of the fire, which is not believed to be suspicious in nature.

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