

Grand Chute Fire Department

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GARAGE FIRE DAMAGES DUPLEX

Occupants Escape Uninjured; Cause Ruled Accidental

GRAND CHUTE – On Wednesday December 30th at 9:19 PM the Grand Chute Fire Department was dispatched to 1460 South Nicolet Road for a report of a structure fire. Outagamie County 911 Dispatchers provided additional information stating that callers were reporting a duplex with an attached garage on fire. Appleton and Town of Menasha Fire Units were also called to the scene under automatic aid agreements in place.

First arriving crews encountered heavy fire conditions from the attached garage of the duplex, and initiated an offensive interior fire attack operation to confine the fire to the involved dwelling unit, and provide protection to the attached unit to the north. The fire did extend from the garage into the living space, but was quickly extinguished by firefighters operating on scene. Both units of the duplex were occupied at the time of the fire, however all residents were able to evacuate safely prior to the arrival of fire personnel. The fire was declared under control at 9:53 PM. The residents of the involved dwelling unit were displaced, however the other unit remained tenable and did not sustain damage as a result of the fire.

Fire personnel remained on scene for several hours conducting salvage and overhaul operations. No civilian or firefighter injuries were reported. The Grand Chute Fire Department conducted an investigation of the fire and determined the cause to be accidental.

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