

Grand Chute Fire Department

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RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE FIRE QUICKLY BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL

Garage Fire Extended to Attic; No Injuries Reported

GRAND CHUTE – On Monday March 13th at 1:34 PM the Grand Chute Fire Department was dispatched to a residence in the 1300 block of South Bluemound Drive for a report of a structure fire. Outagamie County 911 Dispatchers provided additional information stating that the attached garage of the single family dwelling was on fire. Fire companies from the City of Appleton and Village of Fox Crossing Fire Departments responded under automatic aid agreements in place.

First arriving personnel found heavy fire pushing from the attached garage and extending into the attic and living space of the residence. Crews were able to confirm that all of the occupants were out of the building, and proceeded to initiate fire attack operations. The fire was confined to the attic space and garage, both of which were well involved on arrival. The interior of the residence sustained significant water damage as a result of the extinguishment efforts. No responder or civilian injuries were reported.

The response was upgraded to a MABAS Box Alarm bringing additional resources from the Village of Fox Crossing and Town of Neenah Fire Departments. This additional manpower assisted in offsetting the challenges associated with conducting firefighting operations in cold weather conditions. Other agencies assisting on scene included the Grand Chute Police Department, Wisconsin State Patrol, Outagamie County Sheriff's Department, Gold Cross Ambulance, and Outagamie County CERT. 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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