

# Grand Chute Fire Department

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**APARTMENT FIRE QUICKLY BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL**

*Confined to One Unit; Cause Under Investigation*

GRAND CHUTE – On Monday March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:40 AM the Grand Chute Fire Department was dispatched to 3610 West Spencer Street for a report of a structure fire. Outagamie County 911 Dispatchers provided additional information stating that residents were reporting smoke in the hallway of the apartment building. In addition to Grand Chute Fire Units, the City of Appleton and Town of Menasha Fire Departments each provided one engine company in accordance with our automatic aid agreement.

First arriving crews found residents evacuating and smoke showing from the second floor of the 24-unit building. Firefighters initiated an offensive interior fire attack operation, bringing the fire under control within approximately 15 minutes. Damage was confined to the one living unit involved, which was vacant at the time of the fire. While one Grand Chute Police Officer was evaluated on scene for smoke inhalation, no other civilian or responder injuries were reported. Fire personnel remained on scene for approximately two hours conducting overhaul operations, and allowed all residents to re-occupy their apartments prior to clearing the scene. The cause of the fire is under investigation, and no damage estimates were available at the time of this release.

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