

Grand Chute Fire Department

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TRASH CAN FIRE DAMAGES DUPLEX

No Injuries Reported; Ruled Accidental

GRAND CHUTE – On Friday March 4th at 10:58 AM the Grand Chute Fire Department was dispatched to the 2700 Block of West Glenwood Drive for a report of a structure fire. Outagamie County 911 Dispatchers provided additional information stating that multiple callers were reporting a garage and vehicle on fire. In addition to Grand Chute Fire Units, one engine company from the Appleton Fire Department responded per our existing automatic aid agreement.

First arriving crews found a well involved vehicle fire in the driveway of a duplex, with flames impinging directly on the front of the structure. Grand Chute fire personnel quickly extinguished the fire, confining it to the exterior of the building. Both units of the duplex were unoccupied at the time of the fire, and the residents were not displaced as a result of it. While the structure sustained smoke and heat damage to the exterior only, the vehicle was declared a total loss.

No civilian or responder injuries were reported, and firefighters remained on scene for roughly an hour conducting overhaul operations following extinguishment. An investigation conducted by the Grand Chute Fire Department determined that the fire originated in a trash receptacle, and spread to the adjacent vehicle and building. The cause of the fire has been ruled accidental. No damage estimates were available at the time of this release.

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