

# Grand Chute Fire Department

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## **GRAND CHUTE STORAGE UNIT FIRE EXTINGUISHED**

*Recreational Vehicle Sustains Heavy Damage; No Injuries Reported*

GRAND CHUTE – On Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:16 AM the Grand Chute Fire Department was dispatched to 1760 South Prospect Court for a report of a structure fire. Outagamie County 911 Dispatchers provided additional information stating that a recreational vehicle inside a storage unit was on fire. In accordance with our automatic aid agreement, fire Units from the Village of Fox Crossing / Town of Menasha were dispatched simultaneously with the Grand Chute Fire Department.

First arriving crews reported smoke showing from a center unit of the building, and found heavy fire conditions from a large recreational vehicle stored inside. Personnel mounted an aggressive attack, quickly knocking the fire down and confining it to the involved unit. The fire was declared under control at approximately 7:00 AM. While fire damage was limited to the involved unit and contents, two adjacent units in the building sustained moderate smoke damage.

Due to space limitations within the storage unit itself, a heavy duty tow service was requested to assist with the removal of the recreational vehicle from the building. Once outside, firefighters were able to gain access to and extinguish small hidden pockets of fire within the vehicle which were previously inaccessible. Personnel remained on scene for several hours conducting overhaul and ventilation operations.

Due in large part to the warm weather conditions, the incident was ultimately upgraded to the second alarm level bringing additional resources from the Greenville, Town of Neenah, and Ellington Fire Departments to provide relief for fire personnel operating on scene. Additionally, members of the Outagamie County Community Emergency Response Team worked in conjunction with Gold Cross Ambulance personnel to provide on-site rehab services for fire crews. With the exception of one firefighter being evaluated and released on scene for heat exhaustion, no responder or civilian injuries were reported. The Grand Chute Fire Department is investigating the cause of the fire, which has not been determined. No damage estimates were available at the time of this release.

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