



## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **WORKING SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE FAMILY**

**CITY OF BURLINGTON, WI.** - On Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at approximately 5:45 a.m. The City of Burlington Fire Department (CBFD) responded to a report of a structure fire at 173 W. State Street in the City of Burlington. CBFD crews arrived on the scene within minutes and reported light smoke showing from the exterior of the structure. CBFD personnel confirmed with the homeowner that all occupants were out of the structure. Fire suppression crews advanced attack hose lines to the interior reporting moderate smoke and heat conditions on the second floor. As crews advanced to the attic they were met with heavy smoke and heat conditions. Fire was reported to have breached the attic floor, extending from a void wall space on the second floor. Active fire was extinguished and crews immediately transitioned to overhaul operations. The origin and cause of the fire remain under investigation at the time of this press release.

Due to the laborious nature of suppression and overhaul work involved, Incident Command activated Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) Box 920-11. The activation of MABAS secured adequate resources at the scene as well as change of quarter's units for additional emergency calls in the city. Multiple agencies assisted the City of Burlington Fire Department including the City of Burlington Police Department, Town of Burlington Fire Department, Lake Geneva Fire Department, Kansasville Fire Department, Bristol Fire & Rescue, Wheatland Fire Department, Waterford Fire Department, Lyons Fire Department, Burlington Rescue, Medix Ambulance, Paratech Ambulance, Racine County Fire Investigation Task Force and Racine Fire Bells.

As a result of working smoke detectors in the home, all seven (7) occupants were alerted to the incident. This in turn allowed all residents to safely evacuate the structure and quickly notify Fire, EMS, and Police of the emergency. The CBFD would like to take this opportunity and make sure that your home is protected by working smoke alarms. Half of all home fire deaths happen at night, when people are sleeping. Install smoke detectors on every level of your home, in every bedroom and outside all sleeping areas. You need a working smoke alarm on every level of the home, including the basement. Interconnected smoke alarms provide the best protection because when one sounds, they all sound. Remember a smoke detector with a dead or missing battery is the same as having no smoke alarm at all. Resolve to test all of your smoke alarms to make sure that they are working. Replace your smoke detectors when they are 10 years old or if they don't make a sound when you test them. Make sure that everyone in your home knows how to get outside and where to meet if the smoke alarm sounds.

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