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GLEASON REDI-MIX CONCRETE PLANT FIRE

CITY OF BURLINGTON, WI. - On Wednesday, August 22nd, 2018, at approximately 5:30 AM, the City of Burlington Fire Department (CBFD) responded to a report of a structure fire at 151 Longmeadow Drive in the City of Burlington. CBFD crews arrived on the scene within minutes and reported heavy smoke showing from the exterior of the structure just prior to confirming that all occupants were out of the structure. Fire suppression crews forced access at multiple points of the building and reported heavy fire and smoke conditions throughout the structure. Due to the intensity of the fire, the Incident Commander determined it was unsafe to enter the building. Fire suppression crews set up for defensive operations and employed hose lines and aerial apparatus to combat the fire from the exterior of the building. 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 920-01. The activation of MABAS secured adequate resources at the scene as well as Change of Quarters (CoQ) units for additional emergency calls within the city. Multiple agencies assisted the City of Burlington Fire Department, including the City of Burlington Police Department, Town of Burlington Fire Department, Burlington Rescue Squad, Lake Geneva Fire Department, Bristol Fire Department, Waterford Fire Department, Rochester Volunteer Fire Company, City of Delevan Fire Department, Tichigan Volunteer Fire Company, Randall Fire Department, Bloomfield-Genoa City Fire Department, Salem Lakes Fire/Rescue, Vernon Fire Department, Paris Fire Department, Antioch (IL) Fire Department, South Shore Fire Department, Lyons Township Fire Department, Medix Ambulance, Paratech Ambulance, Racine Fire Bells, We Energies, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Racine County Fire Investigation Task Force and Wisconsin State Fire Marshal's Office.

The CBFD would like to take this opportunity to remind the public to immediately report any suspicious activity to law enforcement and/or fire and rescue authorities. Parties investigating this incident have been advised by multiple individuals that "loud bangs" and "explosions" were heard throughout the night of August 21st and into the morning hours of August 22nd. Investigators attribute these reports to the tires of vehicles stored in the building exploding as a result of fire impingement.

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