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WORKING SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE OCCUPANT & FAMILY HOME

CITY OF BURLINGTON, WI. - On Tuesday, September 17th, 2019 at approximately 8:03 a.m. The Racine County Communications Center received the report of a structure fire at 556 E. State Street in the City of Burlington. Initial responding units included (2) Engines, (1) Ladder Truck and (1) Command Car with a Chief from the City of Burlington; (1) Burlington Rescue Ambulance; (1) Town of Burlington Engine; (1) Town of Burlington Chief; and (1) Village Rochester Engine. Responding crews were on the scene within minutes and confirmed that the home's sole occupant had exited the building. Fire crews quickly made access to the structure commencing fire suppression operations and EMS personnel were immediately tasked with medical evaluation of the occupant. Fire crews extinguished the fire containing the damage to only the kitchen. The occupant of the house was treated and released at the scene. The origin and cause of the fire remain under investigation at the time of this press release.

Due to the nature of suppression and overhaul work involved, Incident Command activated the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS). The activation of MABAS secured adequate resources at the scene as well as change of quarter's (COQ) units for additional emergency calls in the city. Units requested to the scene included: (1) Kansasville Chief; (1) Wind Lake Ambulance; (1) Paris Ambulance; (1) Union Grove/Yorkville Heavy Rescue Squad; and (1) Fire Bells Rehab Unit; (1) We Energies Gas Division Truck; and (1) We Energies Electric Division Truck. Units requested for COQ included: (1) Tichigan Chief; (1) Salem Lakes Engine; and (1) South Shore Ambulance. The following units were canceled while responding however continued to the scene due to communication issues: (1) Town of Lyons Air Unit; (1) Bristol Chief; (1) Tess Corners Engine; and (1) Lake Geneva Ladder Truck.

Due to the presence of working smoke detectors in the home, a single occupant was alerted to the incident during the incipient stages of the fire. This in turn allowed the occupant to safely evacuate the structure and quickly notify 911 of the emergency. The Cbfd would like to take this opportunity and make sure that your home is protected by working smoke alarms. Install smoke detectors 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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