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CITY OF BURLINGTON, WI. - On Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at approximately 12:10 hours, The City of Burlington Fire Department and Police Department responded to a report of a hazmat spill with a chemical reaction involving a dip tank at Lavelle Industries. Units from the City of Burlington Fire Department were enroute within 1:36 and on scene within 5:04. Command was notified upon arrival by management from Lavelle Industries that they had a full evacuation of employees, and all were accounted for. Reports from the Lavelle safety team indicated they had a 500-gallon tank consisting of sodium hydroxide solution, that came in contact with an aluminum plate, causing a chemical reaction. Enroute to the call, the Racine County Hazmat Team was activated from the South Shore Fire Department. Due to safety concerns regarding occupancy, the Incident Commander determined it was unsafe for fire personnel to enter the building. Fire and PD units from the City of Burlington established unified command and gathered further information from Lavelle Industries and communicated with the Division Chief from South Shore FD. Racine County Hazmat team arrived on scene and began mitigation operations. Air quality was monitored showing no danger to the public. The spill was contained and encapsulated. Lavelle Industries building was ventilated, metered and monitored indicating no further air quality concerns.

Unified Command activated a Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) Box 920-06 to the working still level. The activation of MABAS secured resources for change of quarter's units for additional emergency calls in the city. Multiple agencies assisted the City of Burlington Fire Department including Rochester with an ambulance, Lyons FD with an engine and Town of Burlington FD with a Chief.

Employees were allowed to re-enter the building at approximately 15:30 hours. Damage estimates are not available at the time of this release.

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