



MEDIA RELEASE

HOUSE FIRE – 14905 WISCONSIN AVE., ELM GROVE

On Sunday, January 8, 2012, at approximately 12:26PM, Elm Grove Police and Fire Departments responded to an active house fire, at the above location, which was reported by an elderly female subject, from within the home, via 911. Police personnel arrived within two minutes, but could not hear or see anyone in the home. Police personnel made several attempts to enter the home, but were unsuccessful, due to the progression of the smoke and fire. Initial arriving Elm Grove Fire personnel executed a rapid entry rescue and were able to extract an elderly female from the first floor of the residence. The female party was turned over to Elm Grove Emergency Medical Services Paramedic Unit and transported to an area hospital. The condition of the female party is not known at this time. It is believed that she lived alone at the home. There were no injuries to other citizens, fire or police personnel. It is not known whether the home had working smoke detectors at this time.

This fire necessitated a box alarm, consisting of the following fire agencies with an initial water use of 42,000 gallons:

- Village of Elm Grove
- City of Brookfield
- Town of Brookfield
- City of Wauwatosa
- Village of Butler
- Village of Menomonee Falls
- City of Muskego / Tess Corners
- City of New Berlin
- Town of Lisbon
- Town of Waukesha
- Village of Lannon
- City of Pewaukee
- City of West Allis
- Village of Sussex

The following police agencies assisted with this fire:

- Village of Elm Grove
- City of Brookfield

This fire is still under investigation and no origin or cause has been determined at this time. The State Fire Marshall has been called to assist with this incident. Early estimates of structural loss of \$134,800.00. Total assessed value of the home, including land, is \$273,600.00, based on 2011 property tax listings.

James P. Gage
Chief of Police

