



## MEDIA RELEASE

### HOUSE FIRE - 1805 BROJAN DRIVE , ELM GROVE

On Tuesday, February 18, 2014, at approximately 9:20PM, Elm Grove Police and Fire Departments responded to an active house fire, at the above location. The structure is a single family home that was occupied by two adult family members. Initially, responding police officers and neighbors were uncertain if all occupants were out of the home and one officer attempted to enter the home to check for a male adult family member that was unaccounted for. The officer suffered smoke inhalation and was transported to an area hospital. The male family member did in fact leave the home safely without assistance. There were working smoke detectors in the home that activated and alerted family members who called emergency services and evacuated the home. There were no injuries to family members, citizens, or other emergency personnel.

Emergency responders arrived within minutes of the call, with the first fire apparatus arriving approximately eleven minutes after notification. This fire necessitated a box alarm, consisting of the following fire agencies:

- Village of Elm Grove
- City of Brookfield
- Town of Brookfield
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- City of West Allis
- City of Wauwatosa
- Village of Butler
- Village of Menomonee Falls
- Tess Corners
- Village of Sussex
- Village of Lisbon
- Village Lannon
- City of Franklin
- City of Milwaukee

The following police agencies assisted with this fire:

- Village of Elm Grove
- City of Brookfield

This fire is still under investigation and it is believed to have originated in a first floor den area. The cause has not been determined at this time. Early estimates of structural loss are \$150 to \$200k. Total assessed value of the home, including land, is \$330,000.00, based on 2014 property tax listings.

“Early activation of smoke detectors made the difference in alerting the occupants and getting them out of the house safely,” said, William Selzer, Elm Grove Fire Chief.

Police Chief Jim Gage reports that Officer Preston Nobile, of the Elm Grove Police Department, was transported to Froedtert Hospital, alert and oriented, for observation due to smoke inhalation. Officer Nobile, 30, is a seven year patrol officer with the department.

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