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Fitchburg Responds to House Fire

At approximately 8:43 pm Friday night, December 15, 2023, Dane County Public Safety Communications (911) notified the Fitchburg Fire Department of a structure fire at 1861 Schuster Rd. in the City of Fitchburg. Several callers reported seeing smoke and fire coming from the back side of a two-story house.

The incident address is located near the border of the City of Fitchburg and the Town of Dunn. Dane County Public Safety Communications received updated information that questioned the initial assignment. The response was reassigned to the Oregon Fire and EMS with automatic aid from Fitchburg Fire.

The first arriving fire personnel reported active fire and smoke. The response was upgraded to a MABAS Box Alarm for rural water operations.

Assistance was received from the Fitchburg Police Department, FitchRona EMS, Verona Fire Department, McFarland Fire Department, Oregon Fire & EMS Department, Oregon Police Department, Maple Bluff Fire Department, Brooklyn Fire Department, McFarland Fire Department, Stoughton Fire Department, Stoughton EMS, Monona Fire Department, Middleton Fire Department, Belleville Fire Department, Belleville EMS, and Evansville Fire Department.

Early in the incident, officials were able to confirm that the home is located in the City of Fitchburg. The fire was contained to the area of origin; however, the home sustained significant fire and smoke damage. One family residing at the residence is displaced and the Red Cross is assisting them with living arrangements. Two pets perished in the fire.

One firefighter was transported to the hospital for evaluation and was released later that evening. No other medical issues or injuries were reported.

The cause of the fire is currently under investigation by the Oregon and Fitchburg Fire Departments.

For additional information, please contact Fire Chief Joe Pulvermacher: 608-270-7043.

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