



FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Press Release

To: All Media Outlets

From: Battalion Chief Jim Haakenson

Date: 23 December 2019

Re: Residential Fire (Fatal)

On Sunday, December 22nd, 2019 at approximately 11:00pm the City of Waukesha Fire and Police Departments responded to 1431 Big Bend Road for the report of smoke in the building. Upon arrival crews found a smoke and fire coming from a first-floor apartment of a 47-unit apartment building. Fire crews made an aggressive interior attack, extinguishing the fire and locating a victim within 5 minutes of arrival.

We are saddened to inform the public that the City of Waukesha lost one of its community members inside the residence. We are working with the medical examiner's office to determine manner and cause of death. No other occupants or firefighters were injured.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation by the Waukesha Police and Fire Departments.

For further information regarding this incident please contact the on-duty Battalion Chief at (262) 524-3669.

