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Press Release

To: All Media Outlets

From: Joseph (Joe) Hoffman, Assistant Fire Chief

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Re: Fire at 1762 Blackhawk Trail

At approximately 16:08, the City of Waukesha Police and Fire Dispatch Center started to receive numerous calls of a residential house fire in the 1700 block of Blackhawk Trail in Waukesha. City of Waukesha Police and Fire Departments responded to the area and met with a resident who advised that there was a fire on the exterior of the two-story single-family residence. The resident of the home was outside with 3 of her four dogs, she advised that one of her dogs was still inside. City of Waukesha Fire Department personnel immediately began to extinguish the fire on the exterior of the residence while simultaneously, fire crews began to enter the structure to search for a missing dog and extinguish where the fire had extended into the attic and interior of the structure. Fire Department crews located the dog and brought him to the exterior. Once the dog got to the exterior of the house, he ran away and is now missing. He was last seen in the area of Blackhawk and Sunset in the City of Waukesha.

The Department and Family asks for your assistance in locating "Minnie" is a black and white Jack Russel. If you see the dog, please contact HAWS at 262-542-8851 ext. 0 or the City of Waukesha Dispatch at 262-524-3674. The dog may be unfriendly.

Waukesha Police and Fire Investigators are currently working on determining a cause the area of origin is on the exterior of the residence. All roads in the area will be back open within the next hour. The residence are working with HAWS to shelter the families other three dogs and Red Cross is working with the family to provide temporary shelter.

The Fire Department thanks the Waukesha Police Departments for their assistance with the evacuation and isolation of the area around the house. The Department would also like to thank you WE Energies, American Red Cross and HAWS for their assistance with helping the family through this difficult time. There were no civilian or firefighter injuries.

The Fire Department reminds all residents to have an emergency plan and to exercise this plan routinely and to always have working smoke detectors in the home. No additional information is planned to be released for this incident. Please contact the on-duty Battalion Chief at (262) 524-3669.

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