



## FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## Press Release

To: All Media Outlets

From: Joseph (Joe) Hoffman, Assistant Fire Chief

Date: March 9, 2020

Re: Fire at 300 Block of N. Greenfield Avenue

At approximately 0144 hours this morning, the City of Waukesha Police and Fire Dispatch Center received a call reporting a fire in the area of Greenfield Avenue and Ellis Street in the City of Waukesha. A neighbor who lived at Oakland Avenue noticed flames in the area and called 911. While on the phone with the 911 Operator, the neighbor went to the area and located a fire at single family residence in the 300 Block of North Greenfield Avenue. City of Waukesha Police and Fire Departments were dispatched while the Operator gathered information from the caller. Both Departments responded to the area and located a working fire, **(Picture Attached)**. 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 any occupants and extinguish the balance of the fire. A search of the residence confirmed no occupants were at the residence at the time of the fire. Fire was located and extinguished on the second floor and attic, with minor damage the remainder of the structure.



The City of Waukesha Fire and Police Departments are currently investigating to determine the cause and origin of the fire. The Departments are receiving assistance with the investigation from the State of Wisconsin, Department of Criminal Investigations (DCI). North Greenfield Avenue is closed from Ellis Street to East Broadway Avenue due the fire investigation. Residents are asked to avoid the area.

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 WE Energies for their assistance in controlling the utilities at the residence. 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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