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Press Release

To: All Media Outlets

From: Joseph (Joe) Hoffman, Assistant Fire Chief

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Re: Structure Fire 336 W Main Street

At 1235 hrs, the City of Waukesha Fire Department was dispatched to the 300 block of East Main Street for a report of smoke in the area. While in route responding apparatus advised that the smoke was actually in the area of 331 W Main Street (Spring City Wine House), this was confirmed by City of Waukesha Dispatch. The first units on scene reported a possible working fire in the wall with light smoke coming from the wall. Smoke was scene whispering from the building's exterior between the façade of the building and the structural block and stone. Crews immediately extinguished all visible fire and began the process of checking for where the fire had extended to. The structure was built turn of the century and contains multiple building occupancies that had numerous remodels over the buildings years. This construction of the occupancy had numerous voids that allowed the fire to extend. Fire crews were eventually able to locate all of the concealed fire. The incident was extremely taxing on the personnel due to the weather conditions of the day.

The City of Waukesha Fire Department requested assistance from the MABAS Box Alarm System and a first alarm box was requested to aid at the incident scene and for coverage of all other calls in the City of Waukesha. Mutual aid was provided by the City of Pewaukee, Town of Brookfield, New Berlin, Tess Corners, Big Bend, Town of Waukesha, City of Brookfield, Wales/Genesse, Lake Country, Town of Delafield, Vernon and Sussex. The fire department also received assistance from the Salvation Army, Waukesha County Rehab and Waukesha Metro Transit.

There were no civilian injuries. There was a total of 6 firefighter injuries. Four of the firefighters were treated on the scene for heat exhaustion and then released. Two of the firefighters were transported to the hospital for heat exposure and smoke inhalation, but have since been released from the hospital at the time of this press release.

City of Waukesha Police and Fire investigators are on the scene, at the time of this press release attempting to determine the exact cause of the fire. All initial indications are that



the fire started from the exterior of the building and extended to the interior with a possible contributing factor to the cause of the fire, being carelessly discarded smoking materials. Damage estimates are still being assessed.

The Department does not anticipate issuing any additional press releases. For any additional information please contact the On-Duty Battalion Chief at (262) 524-3669.

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