

LAKE COUNTRY FIRE & RESCUE

PRESS RELEASE

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Lake Country Fire & Rescue responded to 345 Nashotah Road, Nashotah this morning at 3:14am for a report of stable fire. The fire had previously been dispatched to Western Lakes Fire District at 3:10am but soon was found to be in LCFR jurisdiction. Western Lakes continued responding with their Deputy Chief and Engine Company arriving to confirm that stable on the rear of the property was on fire and beginning to collapse.

Western Lakes began extinguishing the fire with LCFR and multiple responding partners arriving shortly after. There are no fire hydrants in this area causing water tenders to be needed for the extinguishment operation with this continuing for just under two hours. A total of 30 firefighters operated at the incident.

The fire was confined to the stable with it being a total loss. No other property was affected. No injuries to property owners or firefighters. Two horses and three dogs were inside of the stable at the time and died in the fire.

The fire is not suspicious and remains under investigation. A property loss estimate is not yet available. LCFR will monitor the aftermath of the fire today and there is no need to call 911 if smoke is seen.

LCFR thanks Western Lakes, Merton Fire, Hartland Fire, Delafield Police, Village of Oconomowoc Police, Waukesha Sheriff, and Waukesha Communications Center for their assistance.

LCFR reminds our residents to exercise extreme caution as the heating season begins by assuring any heating appliance is at least 3 feet away from all combustibles and using electrical cords rated for the appliance. More information can be found at: <u>https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Top-firecauses/Heating</u>