



LAKE COUNTRY FIRE & RESCUE

PRESS RELEASE

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Lake Country Fire & Rescue (LCFR) was dispatched 21 February 2023 at 1:09 PM for the report of a possible house fire located in the area of Highview and Depot Road in the Town of Genesee.

Immediately after dispatch, Waukesha County Communications (WCC) Dispatch advised LCFR that two passerby's were reporting smoke coming from a home at this corner. With this information, the responding LCFR Battalion Chief upgraded the incident to bring additional staffing and equipment from our mutual aid partners. This upgrade was for the purpose of adding staffing to the incident, water tankers due to no fire hydrants in the area, and back-filling LCFR stations for other emergencies.

Details of the LCFR response for this fire from 3 staffed stations are below:

911 Received:	1:09:17PM
LCFR Dispatched:	1:09:22PM
LCFR Fire Engine Arrived:	1:17:29PM
Fire Located and Water Applied	1:19:15PM
Fire Under Control	1:28:04PM

Fire was located in the kitchen of the home centered around a wood-burning stove and quickly extinguished. The remaining time at the location was centered around preserving personal property, removing smoke from the home, and assuring the fire had not extended beyond the area of origin. This was an additional 1 hour working time.

No residents were home at the time of the fire with no injuries to civilians or public safety personnel.

The cause of this fire is accidental/improper use of a heat source. Damage is estimated initially at \$75,000 from smoke, fire, and water.

Your LCFR wants to take this opportunity to remind all of those we protect to:

- Have working smoke detectors and a family exit plan
- Have your wood burning appliances/chimneys inspected yearly
- Have appropriate homeowners/renters' insurance for your home and contents

Your LCFR wishes to express thanks to our mutual aid fire and EMS partners, WCC, and Waukesha County Sheriff's Department for their valued assistance. WSD will be conducting additional patrol to the property.

A special recognition also goes to those who found this smoke and immediately reported it. Their actions and choice to become involved combined with LCFR having 3 staffed stations today saved this home. We offer our absolute best to all affected by this emergency.

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