



Green Bay Fire Department Media Release



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Georgia-Pacific Fire

At 8:57am this morning, the Green Bay Fire Department responded to 1919 S. Broadway (Georgia-Pacific) for the report of a fire. Arriving crews found heavy smoke coming from a basement storage room that contained approximately 40 bales of paper. Four sprinkler heads in that room had activated prior to our arrival and were responsible for keeping the fire contained. Initial knockdown of the fire happened 20 minutes after arrival. Complete extinguishment involved removing all of the bales from the storage room to an outside location so that they could be broken apart and fully extinguished. This process took several hours to accomplish and operations were complete at about 2pm.

Additional resources were called in from neighboring departments (Howard Fire Department, Ashwaubenon Public Safety, County Rescue, and Bellevue Fire Department) with over 60 firefighters at the scene at one time. Georgia-Pacific Fire Brigade Members assisted crews inside as well. Crews were rotated to avoid fatigue. One Green Bay Firefighter was transported to the hospital for evaluation and has since been released and returned to work.

This fire was investigated by the Green Bay Fire Marshal's Office and was determined to be accidental in nature. The cause was ruled undetermined. A dollar estimate on damages has yet to be determined but appear to be minimal.

Incident Information

Incident Date: 9/19/2011

Incident Address: 1919 S. Broadway

Incident Times: First 8:57am Working Still 9:07am Box Alarm 9:20am

Incident Description: Paper mill

Cause of Fire: Undetermined

Origin of Fire: Basement storage room

Estimated Dollar Loss: Minimal

Injuries: 1 Firefighter transported to the hospital and has returned to work.

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