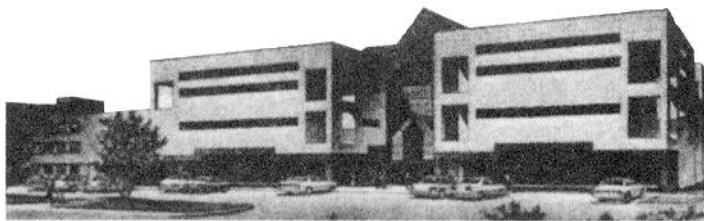


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February 19, 2021

Residential Structure Fire – Village of Vernon

On Friday February 19, 2021 at 10:45 a.m., the Waukesha County Communications Center received a call regarding a structure fire at W223 S7685 Valley View Rd. in the Village of Vernon. The Waukesha County Sheriff's Office, Village of Vernon Fire Department and Village of Big Bend Police Department responded.

Upon arrival, law enforcement observed flames coming from the residence and attached garage. We are saddened to inform the public that an adult victim was located deceased inside the residence. We are working with the Waukesha County Medical Examiner's Office to determine manner and cause of death.

The following fire departments responded to assist: City of Brookfield, City of New Berlin, Town of Brookfield, Village of Big Bend, Village of Waukesha, Mukwonago, Tess Corners, Waterford, Tichigan, Wind Lake, North Prairie, Eagle as well as the Lake Country Fire Department.

No one else was injured in the fire.

The cause of the fire is unknown and the incident is under investigation by the Waukesha County Sheriff's Office and Wisconsin Department of Justice – Division of Criminal Investigation State Fire Marshals Office.

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