



Woodstock Fire/Rescue District

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For Immediate Release

On Thursday, July 29, 2021, at 5:23AM the Woodstock Fire/Rescue District was dispatched to 15920 Nelson Road in unincorporated McHenry County for a reported commercial building structure fire.

Our first arriving units advised an exterior wooden structure surrounding a large two-story incinerator was actively on fire. Firefighters quickly engaged in a defensive fire attack, while simultaneously establishing rural tender and water supply operations at the roadway since the area is not supplied by fire hydrants. The fire was extinguished within 5 minutes. Further investigation confirmed the fire was contained to the area surrounding the incinerator and remained on the exterior of the building. No damage was reported on the interior.

Investigators are working to determine if an overnight lightning strike prompted the fire. The wooden structure and incinerator were damaged in the fire. Damage estimates are not available at this time. The fire is not considered suspicious in nature but is still under investigation by the District. No fire personnel or civilians were injured during this incident.

We greatly appreciated the assistance from our neighboring fire agencies, McHenry County Sheriff's Office, and our dispatchers. Thank you to those who assisted at the scene and the crews who backfilled our stations while our units were working at the fire.