



Woodstock Fire/Rescue District

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"Service Before Self"

For Immediate Release

On Tuesday, December 08, 2020, at 08:07 AM the Woodstock Fire/Rescue District, along with automatic aid fire districts', were dispatched for a reported barn fire at the corner of Route 47 & Charles Road, in the unincorporated McHenry County.

Prior to arrival, with information provided through dispatchers and geographical pre-plans, officials quickly activated MABAS Box 5-72 to the Box Level for additional water resources to the scene. First arriving crews reported heavy fire and smoke conditions along the roofline of the barn, but with no immediate exposures. While upgrading MABAS Box 5-72 to the Second Level, an offensive fire attack was initiated on three sides of the barn while rural water operations was simultaneously being set up at the roadway.

Rural tender and water supply were immediately established since the area is not supplied by fire hydrants. The fire was reported to authorities through a 911 call from the homeowners and multiple passerby's on location. The fire was determined to be under control within 60 minutes, but crews continued to monitored hotspots for an additional two hours. Firefighters could not safely enter the barn due to the structural integrity.

The barn is considered a complete loss and no damage estimates are available at this time. There have been no reported injuries or loss of animal life. Although the fire is not being considered suspicious at this time, it remains under investigation by the Woodstock Fire/Rescue District.

We greatly appreciated the assistance from our neighboring fire agencies, McHenry County Sheriff's Office, Woodstock Public Works, 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.

Further inquiries should be directed to the WFRD Shift Commander at Station #1: 815 338-2621.