



## PSRB October 6, 2008



## Significant Fire Runs

<input type="checkbox"/>	8/28/08 6520 Tottenham Rd	\$12,000.00	02:19:41
	▪ Heat source too close to combustibles.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	9/9/08 2101 Pike Dr	\$500,000.00	02:06:08
	▪ Abandoned or discarded materials or products		
<input type="checkbox"/>	9/13/08 437 W Wilson St	\$3,000.00	02:06:33
	▪ Abandoned or discarded materials or products		
<input type="checkbox"/>	9/19/08 2406 Coolidge St	\$2,000.00	12:27:36
	▪ Exposure Fire		
<input type="checkbox"/>	9/20/08 2510 Badger Ln	\$1,500.00	13:34:09
	▪ Undetermined		
<input type="checkbox"/>	9/25/08 6713 Schroeder Rd	\$7,000.00	00:13:31
	▪ Stove - Cooking Fire		
<input type="checkbox"/>	9/30/08 6902 Country Ln	\$15,000.00	04:08:58
	▪ Abandoned or discarded materials or products		
<input type="checkbox"/>	9/26/2008 Sextonville (Richland Center) Level A Haz Mat		
	▪ Assist Dane Co Bomb Squad		

# Fire Prevention Week



Comm. EQ Calendar

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# Fire Academy



- August 22 - The City of Madison Fire Department graduation of Firefighter Recruit Group 28.
  - Fourteen firefighter recruits marked the completion their fire academy training with a commencement ceremony at Olbrich Gardens
  - This 20-week training academy, under the direction of the department's Fire Training Division, is designed to prepare the recruits for the mental and physical demands
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- September 22 - City of Madison Fire Department Recruit Academy #29 with 13 new recruits.
  - This is the second academy for 2008. The additional class was put in place to provide additional staffing for Fire Station #12, scheduled to open on the far west side of the City in mid-2009.
  - To be selected for the Academy, individuals must complete and pass a Physical Ability Test, Written Test and Personality Inventory



# **City of Madison Fire Department**

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## *News Release*

**Date:** October 2, 2008

**Released By:** Lori Wirth – Public Information Officer  
(608) 266-5947 or (608) 575-4943

### **CO Alarms Available to Low Income Families**

The City of Madison Fire Department is working with Madison Community Services to develop a distribution program for 200 carbon monoxide (CO) alarms donated by First Alert®, a home-safety products company. The alarms are designated for low income families in the City.

Fire Chief Debra Amesqua received the alarms from First Alert® in a brief ceremony at fire station #7 this morning.

In accepting the donation, Chief Amesqua recalled a CO incident from earlier this year: "In January, the City of Madison Fire Department's Ladder Company 2 responded to a call for a suspected carbon monoxide incident. As a father was putting his children to bed that evening, their carbon monoxide alarms sounded.

"When our crews arrived, they recorded carbon monoxide levels of over 400 parts per million and rising due to a plugged chimney flu that vented both the water heater and furnace.

"It is without a doubt that this family is alive right now due to the multiple CO detectors throughout the house."

"The family chose to remain anonymous, but these are the real-life calls that convince me and our entire Department that carbon monoxide alarms are an essential part of home safety."

Thanking *First Alert*® Chief Amesqua pledged continued commitment to safety and prevention throughout our community.

A Wisconsin Carbon Monoxide law requiring CO alarms to be installed in most new residential buildings which have fuel-burning appliances went into effect yesterday. The law affects tourism establishments, condominiums, apartment buildings, dormitories, and community based residential facilities.

Often referred to as the silent killer because you can't see, smell or taste it, CO is the leading cause of accidental poisoning in the U.S., killing 500 people each year and sending more than 15,000 people to emergency rooms. It is a by-product of incomplete combustion that can be produced by stoves, water heaters, fireplaces, cars, gas grills and a number of other appliances used in homes. Children and the elderly are most susceptible.

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# City of Madison Fire Department

## *News Release*

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**Date:** September 22, 2008

**Released By:** Lori Wirth – Public Information Officer  
Office: (608) 266-5947 Cell: (608) 575-4943

### **New Recruit Academy Begins**

City of Madison Fire Department Recruit Academy #29 began today with 13 new recruits.

This is the second academy for 2008. Fourteen firefighter recruits marked the completion of their fire academy training with a commencement ceremony at Olbrich Gardens on August 22. The additional class was put in place to provide additional staffing for Fire Station #12, scheduled to open on the far west side of the City in mid-2009.

To be selected for the Academy, individuals must complete and pass a Physical Ability Test, Written Test and Personality Inventory, Oral Board Examination and a personal interview with the Fire Chief and members of the command staff.

These are the individuals who will be training on Monday:

**Aaron T. Babcock** was most recently employed full-time as an EMT/Janitor/Volunteer Fire Lieutenant with the Village of McFarland. Babcock is also a part-time Instructor-Assistant at MATC – Madison. Babcock attended MATC – Madison. He is a WI State Certified Firefighter I & II, Fire Instructor I, Driver/Operator – Pumper, and Fire Inspector. Babcock is a WI EMT-Intermediate and a nationally registered EMT.

**Paul M. Britain** was employed full-time with Thermal Design as a Graphic Designer since April 2002. Britain has volunteered as a Firefighter with the City of Stoughton Fire Department since January 2003. In 1999, Britain received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications from Union College in Lincoln, NE and furthered his education at Sinclair Community College in Dayton OH receiving Firefighter and EMT-Intermediate training. Britain attended MATC – Madison to continue his firefighting coursework.

**Wesley A. Buchholz** was previously employed full-time at Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells, WI as an Events Services Supervisor, holding that position since June 2003. Buchholz graduated from MATC – Madison in 2002 with an Associate Degree in Applied Science and has completed his coursework in Business Administration. Buchholz enlisted in the United States Marine Corps - Reserves in May 2001 and completed his reserve commitment in May 2007. Mr. Buchholz's unit was activated for Operation Iraqi Freedom in June 2004 and he served as an active duty Marine for one year.

**Jeffrey M. Clapero** was most recently employed full-time with the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad as a sectionman/laborer since April 2008. Clapero attended WI Indianhead Technical College, Chippewa Valley Technical College, and Lake Superior College with an emphasis in Fire Science and Technology. He served as a member of the United States Army Reserve since June 1999 and was on active duty from Jan 2003 – Jan 2005 at Ft. McCoy, WI. Clapero was awarded the following: Army Achievement Medal, Army Commendation medal, and a Certificate of Merit – Safety.

**Ryan M. Grabowski** has been employed full-time with the City of Cudahy as an Emergency Services Dispatcher since April 2008. Grabowski graduated in 2007 from MATC – Milwaukee with an Associate Degree in Fire Science and has continued his fire-service education by obtaining his Firefighter I and II, Driver/Operator WI State Certifications, EMT – Basic as well as other fire service training.

**Mark W. Miller** has been employed as an Operations Manager/Sous Chef at Ohio State University in Columbus OH since January 2008. Prior to this date, Miller was an Assistant Manager with Ohio State University from Sept. 2004 until Jan. 2008. Miller received an Associate Degree in 2001 from MATC – Madison in Culinary Arts and a Bachelor's of Science degree in Hospitality Management from Ohio State University in Columbus OH in 2004. Miller received his Firefighter I and II certification, American Heart Association CPR & AED training, EMT – Basic, completion of ACLS (Advanced Cardiac Life Support), PEPP (Pediatric Education for Pre-hospital Professionals), NRP (Neonatal Resuscitation Program), PEARS (Pediatric Emergency Assessment & Recognition Support), ITLS (International Trauma Life Support Provider) and a certified Open Water SCUBA Diver.



# **City of Madison Fire Department**

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## *News Release*

**Date:** September 22, 2008

**Released By:** Lori Wirth – Public Information Officer  
(608) 266-5947 or (608) 575-4943

### **Fire Code Moves Closer to Mandatory Residential Sprinklers**

The International Code Council (ICC), a membership association dedicated to building safety and fire prevention, has voted to require fire sprinklers in all new townhouses and single-family dwellings as part of the next edition of the Model Code.

The vote took place yesterday at the ICC Conference in Minneapolis, MN. The proposal to change the International Residential Code to require residential fire sprinklers in all new one- and two-family dwellings passed with a strong majority—73 percent—of the governmental members of the ICC present and voting. The vote was 1,282 for the code to 470 against.

The International Residential Code Final Action Hearings for the 2009 IRC document took up two specific proposals that will lead to the protection of new homes in the future with inclusion of residential fire sprinkler systems. The issue was brought to the conference by the IRC Coalition.

The International Residential Code must be adopted at the state level before we see fire sprinklers in homes across Wisconsin. The model code language will put the issue on the table for review and discussion by the state code development counsels.

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# **City of Madison Fire Department**

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## *News Release*

**Date:** September 19, 2008

**Released By:** Bernadette Galvez – Public Information Officer  
(608) 261-9844 or (608) 279-7168

### **Car Crash on Hoepker and Stoughton Road Claims A Life**

On Friday, September 19, 2008, at 5:27 PM, City of Madison Fire Crews were dispatched to a rollover crash at the intersection of Hoepker Road and Highway 51. Med Flight was placed on standby before any fire vehicles arrived at the scene, because of a possible pin.

Paramedics on Rescue 10 arrived first and assessed the scene. They found one victim to be a DOA. Med Flight was then cancelled. A second patient was transported to Meriter Hospital, condition unknown, but was conscious at the time of transport. Two people and two vehicles were involved in the crash.

Rescue 10, Ladder 8, Engine 8, Rescue 5 and Car 31 were dispatched to the scene.

Please contact MPD for update on when Highway 51 will reopening.

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# City of Madison Fire Department

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## *News Release*

**Date:** September 19, 2008

**Released By:** Bernadette Galvez – Public Information Officer  
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### **Car Fire Burns Siding on Two Homes**

On Friday, September 19, 2008, an occupant of 2402 Coolidge was working on his car, when it burst into flames. He grabbed a kitchen fire extinguisher and tried to put the fire out, but the flames were too big for the small extinguisher. His wife looked out the window, saw flames and called 9-1-1 at 12:27 PM. Engine 3 crew arrived at 12:33 PM with Engine 10, Rescue 10, Ladder 1, Engine 8 and Ladder 8 arriving behind them.

Fire Crews found the car fully involved in flames, which was parked in a narrow driveway between 2402 and 2406 Coolidge Street. Vinyl siding from both homes melted, due to radiant heat. The fire was extinguished within 4 minutes.

Crews entered the homes to be sure the fire did not extend to the interior. Upon arrival of fire crews, everyone was safely out of their homes, including a pet dog.

Estimated loss is \$6,000, which includes a small passenger car, some damage to an RV and two homes with damaged siding.

#### Calling 9-1-1

Calling 911 can be very stressful, but stay calm. The 911 dispatcher or call-taker will move things along as quickly as possible. You should know the location of the emergency, and the phone number you are calling from.

Let the call-taker guide the conversation. He or she is typing the information into a computer and may seem to be taking forever. There's a good chance that emergency services are already being sent while you are still on the line.

Do not hang up until the call-taker tells you to.

Fire doubles in size every 20 seconds! Every second counts, so be sure you have an escape plan, a designated meeting place, then call 911.

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## ***News Release***

**Date:** September 9, 2008

**Released By:** Lori Wirth – Public Information Officer  
(608) 266-5947 or (608) 575-4943

### **Apartment Fire Leaves 16 Occupants Displaced**

Fire in an eight-unit, two-story apartment building has left 16 residents without a place to live.

City of Madison firefighters were called to 2101 Pike Drive at 2:07 this morning. The first-in crew, Ladder Company 6 arrived to find flames through the roof of the structure. The crew attempted entry through the front door, but only made it four to six feet into the building before being met with heavy flames and extreme heat.

Residents self-evacuated the building before crews arrived. Firefighters conducted primary and secondary searches of the building as they brought the fire under control, but no one was left in the building and there were no injuries.

Fire in the roof remained stubborn. Knockdown of the fire took place at 3:10 a.m., but crews continued to discover hot spots and flare-ups.

Crews are expected to remain at the scene for at least part of the day to monitor hot spots and extinguish any flare-ups.

Fire investigators believe the fire began in a first floor unit at the front of the building. The cause remains under investigation. Damages are estimated at \$500,000.

Residents of the building are being assisted by Red Cross.

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# **City of Madison Fire Department**

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## ***News Release***

**Date:** August 27, 2008

**Released By:** Bernadette Galvez – Public Information Officer  
(608) 261-9844 or (608) 279-7168

### **Fatal Car Crash Claims One Life**

One person was killed when a car he was in hit a tree on S. Midvale Boulevard.

On Wednesday, August 27, 2008 at 1:46 AM, City of Madison firefighters were called to 215 S. Midvale Boulevard for a car crash. When crews arrived, they found a car had hit a tree with three victims in the vehicle. Extrication of two victims was conducted, and both were transported to UW Hospital. Conditions of the victims are unknown at this time. The third victim pronounced dead at the scene by the coroner.

Engine 9, Ladder 2, Rescue 9, Rescue 2, Rescue 6, Car 31 and PIO 79 were dispatched to the crash scene.

\*\* According to Madison Police, North and South Midvale Boulevard will be closed between Mineral Point and Hillcrest for several hours. \*\*

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# **City of Madison Fire Department**

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## *News Release*

**Date:** August 21, 2008

**Released By:** Eric Dahl – Public Information Officer  
(608) 261-9845 or (608) 279-7148

### **Firefighter Recruits Graduate From Academy**

The City of Madison Fire Department is pleased to announce the graduation of Firefighter Recruit Group 28. Fourteen firefighter recruits will mark the completion their fire academy training with a commencement ceremony at Olbrich Gardens on Friday, August 22 starting at 1:30 PM.

This 20-week training academy, under the direction of the department's Fire Training Division, is designed to prepare the recruits for the mental and physical demands required of a firefighter/EMT with the City of Madison Fire Department.

With an increased emphasis on safety and health, the training includes academic and hands-on instruction in firefighting skills, rescue techniques, emergency medical care, hazardous materials response, fire prevention methods, and fire apparatus driving and operations.

When the newest members of the department leave the academy, they are assigned to a fire station. The crew at the station will oversee the recruit's continuing training and education on the job, insuring that they safely learn how to apply the education and techniques they learned in the academy.

Group 28 saw the implementation of a newly revised fitness program designed to help the new rookies make gains in cardio, strength, muscular endurance, and flexibility.

The members of Recruit Group 28 include:

Benjamin J. Boucher	Jeffrey G. Kundert
Ethan C. Dade	Adam F. Phillipson
Jon A. Durst	Wade L. Raddatz
Matthew M. Farmer	Jacob M. Timm
Zachary D. Hake	Daniel T. Verhagen
Dustin S. Hermanson	Daniel R. Wisniewski
Jeffrey M. Hoefen	Chad E. Workman

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# **City of Madison Fire Department**

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## ***News Release***

**Date:** August 18, 2008

**Released By:** Eric Dahl – Public Information Officer  
(608) 261-9845 or (608) 279-7148

### **Two People Injured at Haz Mat Spill**

Two people were transported to UW Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries following a chemical spill at 645 Science Drive this afternoon. The incident started at 4:14 PM and Madison Fire Department units were on scene for about one hour.

The initial medical response for an injured person was quickly upgraded when it was learned that a chemical spill was involved. A full Hazardous Incident Team (HIT) response from the fire department was dispatched to the scene.

Engine 9, the first unit on the scene, met with representatives of SAFC Inc. to gather information on the type of chemical involved and the size of the spill. Based on this information, the HIT members evacuated about 25 occupants from the building.

A hazardous materials entry team, protected by chemical suits and breathing apparatus, entered the building to evaluate the situation.

The spill, consisting of less than two liters of methyl bromoacetate, was contained within a room and the situation was found to be under control. The team used monitors to test the air quality and measured the chemical's pH.

SAFC Inc., the building occupant, is responsible for clean up and disposal of the spilled material.

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# City of Madison Fire Department

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## *News Release*

Date: August 18, 2008

Released By: Eric Dahl – Public Information Officer  
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### **Fire Damages UW Lab**

The City of Madison Fire Department responded to a fire that damaged a laboratory at 1215 Linden Drive on the University of Wisconsin campus tonight.

Engine 4 initially responded at 8:05 PM to investigate a fire alarm sounding in the building. As the crew checked the building, they found heavy smoke on the fourth floor. A full structure fire response was requested and the crew began extinguishing the flames. They had the fire under control within fifteen minutes.

Once the smoke cleared, a sign was found on the laboratory door indicating radioactive materials were stored inside. Based on this information, the Hazardous Incident Team (HIT) was requested at the scene and firefighters exited the building.

Once the HIT personnel arrived on scene, the entry team donned protective suits and went inside to survey the materials in the lab. The team used instruments to rule out the presence of any radioactive materials.

Although no contamination was detected, fire equipment was rinsed with water to remove any residue from the smoky fire.

No injuries were reported at the fire scene. The City of Madison Fire Investigation Unit is assisting the University of Wisconsin Police Department with the fire cause investigation. No damage estimate is available at this time.

**For safety's sake, please leave a building when you hear the fire alarm sounding. At tonight's fire, several people were still working in the building while firefighters were extinguishing the flames. Police were requested to get the people out of the building and out of harm's way.**

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## *News Release*

**Date:** August 13, 2008

**Released By:** Lori Wirth – Public Information Officer  
(608) 266-5947 or (608) 575-4943

### **Fire Destroys West Side Office Building**

City of Madison firefighters were called for a smoke investigation early this morning that turned out to be a spectacular fire seen from blocks away.

The first call to 5 Odana Court came in at 4:02 a.m. Ladder Company 2 was first on the scene, arriving to find flames through the roof rising 20-40 feet in the air.

The crew quickly adopted a defensive strategy, fighting the fire from the exterior only. Two water towers were set up to beat down the flames. Knockdown was at 5:05, but the water towers remained to cool hot spots and prevent re-ignition.

The fire destroyed most of the roof and one wall. Another wall was in danger of imminent collapse.

The 6300 block of Odana Road was closed to traffic for about two hours.

The two-story building is owned by Community Coordinated Child Care (4C), housing the agency's Technical Assistance and Resource Center with approximately 25 employees. 4C leases a portion of the building to Lutheran Social Services, also with 25 employees.

The most recent appraisal of the building sets its value at \$2.2 million. Investigators at the scene expect the building to be a total loss. No estimate is yet available regarding the value of the building's contents.

Engine 7 will remain at the scene for much of the day to monitor hot spots. Investigators hope to enter the building sometime today to begin their investigation of the fire's cause.

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