



Holmen Area Fire Department

Media Release

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MEDIA RELEASE – SCHOOL BUS CRASH INTO A HOLMEN HOUSE

Village of Holmen — The Holmen Area Fire Department was dispatched at 6:21 am today November 26, 2024 for a school bus that ran into a house at 301 State St, Holmen, WI. Fire units from the Onalaska and La Crosse Fire Departments were also requested through mutual aid for additional staffing.

The initial arriving fire crew from the Holmen Area Fire Department (HAFD) arrived on scene and found a school bus resting inside of a single-family house. No children were on the bus at the time of the crash. However, the Holmen Police Department reported a resident trapped inside the house. The HAFD crew found and extricated the resident through a bedroom window, who was then evaluated and transported by Gundersen Tri-State Ambulance to a local hospital.

HAFD fire crews remained on the crash scene making sure utilities were secure, and monitoring for potential fire conditions and structural instability of the house. The La Crosse Fire Department Urban Search and Rescue Team was requested to further evaluate and stabilize the house prior to removing the bus. A heavy-duty wrecker from Del's Service Center removed the bus from inside the house with no further safety concern.

Injuries to the trapped resident were unknown at the time of transport. No injuries were reported by the bus driver, on-scene fire, EMS, or law enforcement staff.

This crash is still under investigation by law enforcement.

HAFD would like to thank the La Crosse Fire Department, Onalaska Fire Department, Gundersen Tri-State Ambulance, Holmen Police Department, La Crosse County Sheriff's Office, Wisconsin State Patrol, Xcel Energy, Spectrum, Village of Holmen Public Works, and the Holmen School District for their partnership and assistance with this unique vehicle accident.

For more information, contact Fire Chief Ryan Ostreng at (608) 399-8226.

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