



Holmen Area Fire Department

Media Release

February 24, 2025

MEDIA RELEASE – FEB 23RD FLATEN RD BARN FIRE

Town of Holland — The Holmen Area Fire Department was dispatched around 8:45 pm on Sunday February 23, 2025 for a fire in a barn containing animals at N8207 Flaten Rd, Holmen, WI. Fire units from the Onalaska and La Crosse Fire Departments were dispatched through automatic aid agreements. Additional fire units from the Town of Farmington, West Salem, and Town of Campbell were dispatched through the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System due to the potential for trapped animals and the distance from a water source.

The first arriving fire unit from the Holmen Area Fire Department (HAFD) found a 50 ft. X 50 ft. barn fully involved with fire. The HAFD fire crew stretched fire hose 250 feet down a sloped driveway to mount a defensive fire attack from outside the barn due to structural instability. The fire was knocked down around 9:30 pm with the assistance from an Onalaska Fire Department fire crew. The last HAFD fire unit cleared from the scene around 12:49 am on Monday, February 24, 2025 after extinguishing hot spot fires within the collapsed barn.

Goats housed in the barn were evacuated by the property owners without reported injury. Poultry housed in the barn were unaccounted for. No injuries to the property owners were reported. No injuries occurred to firefighting crews during extinguishment of this fire. The barn was a complete loss.

This fire is still under investigation.

HAFD would like to thank the La Crosse County Emergency Dispatch Center, Onalaska Fire Department, La Crosse Fire Department, Town of Farmington Fire Department, West Salem Fire Department, Town of Campbell Fire Department, Gundersen Tri-State Ambulance, La Crosse County Sheriff's Office and Riverland Energy Cooperative for their partnership and assistance with this fire. HAFD would also like to thank Brice Prairie EMS and Rescue for covering overlapping medical calls while HAFD staff was at the fire scene.

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

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