



Public Safety Building, 312 E. Fifth St.
Muscatine, IA 52761
(563) 263-9233
Fax (563) 263-5534

FIRE DEPARTMENT

For more information contact:

Mike Hartman, Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal
Public Safety Building
312 E. 5th Street
Muscatine, Iowa 52761
E-Mail: mhartman@muscataineiowa.gov
Phone: (563) 263-9233

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
JANUARY 5, 2021

EARLY MORNING FIRE IN INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX IS EXTINGUISHED

Damaged contained to machinery, related ductwork during Tuesday morning fire

MUSCATINE, Iowa – It was a cold start to the morning for members of the Muscatine Fire Department who quickly extinguished a fire in an industrial building today (Jan. 5, 2021).

The Muscatine Joint Communications Center (MUSCOM) received a 911 call at 5:24 a.m. Tuesday of a fire at 4907 55th Avenue West. The building involved is an industrial building that recycles glass.

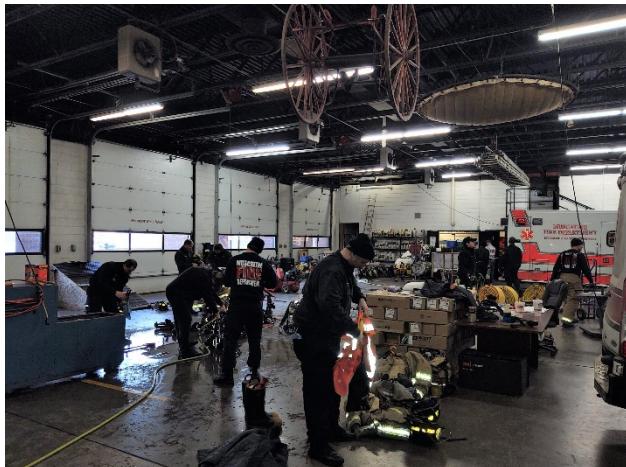
Upon arrival crews found smoke coming from the upper floor of the building and all occupants already evacuated. The fire was found inside machinery and was contained to the machines and related ductwork. The total initial loss estimate is \$30,000. Due to the location of the fire and the need to remove access panels it took about an hour to bring the fire under control.



Muscatine firefighters work a machine fire inside a glass recycling building in Progress Park Tuesday morning.

The on scene investigation was completed and the initial cause was listed as accidental. The area outside the building was covered with extensive ice buildup due to the recent storm.

There were no injuries to any responders or occupants. An estimated 18 fire fighters including off duty staff responded and automatic mutual aid assistance from the Fruitland Fire Department. The Muscatine Police Department provided support as well.



The long process of cleaning equipment and preparing for the next call was completed in Station 1 after crews returned to quarters following Tuesday mornings fire.

About the Muscatine Fire Department:

The Muscatine Fire Department provides fire and emergency medical services, rescues (high angle, rope, water, etc.), building inspections, and public education for the City of Muscatine, and the surrounding unincorporated areas of Muscatine County with a combined population of 43,000 across 145 square miles while also providing HAZMAT for Muscatine, Louisa, Washington, Keokuk, and Henry counties. MFD firefighters

and paramedics responded to 5,238 calls in 2019. The Muscatine Fire Department began as a volunteer fire company on January 7, 1875 and was established as a full-time department in January 1916. The Muscatine Fire Department ambulance service received the 2012 Career Ambulance service of the Year Award from Iowa Emergency Medical Services.

Kevin Jenison
Public Information Officer/Communications Manager
City of Muscatine
kjenison@muscataineiowa.gov
563-264-1550