

# Town of Watertown Fire District

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## PRESS RELEASE

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At 6:58 AM, the Town of Watertown Fire Department was dispatched to 15631 County 68 for a structure fire. Also dispatched as automatic mutual aid were Town of Watertown Ambulance and Adams Center and Rutland Fire Departments. Upon arrival of the first unit, flames were visible from the front of the house with large volumes of smoke flowing from the entire house. Additional alarms were immediately requested bringing eight additional fire departments including the City of Watertown, Adams, Sackets Harbor, Rodman, Glen Park, Pamela, North Pole, and Smithville Fire Departments. Crews were on scene for more than 5 hours including fire suppression and overhaul. The home was not occupied at the time of the fire. Tremendous support was provided by Jefferson County Emergency Management, Jefferson County Highway Department, National Grid, Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, Rodman Fire Department Auxiliary (refreshments), Town of Rodman Highway Department, and Jake Johnson for refreshments. The house was completely gutted. There were no injuries reported.

We greatly appreciate everyone's cooperation and support in serving together in support of our community. A special thanks to Chief Simpson and Assistant Chief Sourwine for their calm and steady leadership during a very tense situation. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Bush Family as they recover from their losses.