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Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue

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What: Structure fire & fatalities – 728 Second Street in the City of Menasha

At 2:19 P.M. on Thursday September 24th, Neenah Menasha Fire rescue received a report of heavy smoke showing from the eaves of a single family residential home located at 728 Second Street in the City of Menasha.

The first arriving fire department crews found heavy smoke showing and entered the dwelling through the front door. During initial fire suppression efforts, NMFR crews located a 77 year old male's body inside the home and immediately removed the individual from the structure. As suppression efforts continued, a 68 year old female was found in the home. The female was removed and initial lifesaving efforts were taken. The female was later transported by ambulance to ThedaCare Hospital in Neenah where she was pronounced deceased. The fire was brought under control relatively quickly and damage to the structure was confined to mainly the first floor with smoke and heat damage throughout the dwelling.

In conjunction with the Winnebago County Coroner, we are releasing the names of the deceased: Ronald M. Wolf, and Mary L. Wolf.

NMFR Fire Investigators along with Menasha Police Investigators processed the scene to determine the origin and cause of the fire. Due to multiple fatalities, and with an abundance of caution, a Wisconsin Department of Justice Division of Criminal Investigation Deputy State Fire Marshal was requested to respond to the scene to assist. After a lengthy and detailed investigation, based on a full examination of the data collected, and pending receipt of contrary and/or additional information, the cause of the fire has been ruled as undetermined. It is not believed that any criminal activity was the cause of the fire or subsequent deaths.