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MAPLE PLAIN FIRE FIGHTS INDEPENDENCE SHED FIRE

Independence, MN, On Friday, February 8, 2019 at approximately 0830hrs Maple Plain Fire Department (MPFD) and West Hennepin Public Safety were dispatched to the 400 block of County Road 110 in Independence, MN for a report of a pole shed on fire.

Upon arrival of the first officer, MPFD Captain reported there was heavy black smoke showing from the front side of the building and the roof. Flames were visible in the interior of the structure. "Once I arrived, I verified all occupants were out of the structure and assisted MPFD Aerial 11 for initial fire attack." Stated MPFD Captain, Jay McCoy.

The shed was approximately 40' x 70' and contained tractors, campers and vehicles. The structure and all contents were a total loss.

"First arriving units did a tremendous job making a stop in a very difficult structure and bone chilling temps of -10 degrees to allow the homeowners to sort through personal property" stated Maple Plain Fire Chief Justin McCoy. Chief McCoy states "The cause of the fire is still under investigation by the Hennepin County Fire Investigation Team"

Due to the extreme cold and no fire hydrants in the area, neighboring departments were called in to assist.

MPFD was assisted by Mound Fire, Loretto Fire, St. Boni Fire, Long Lake Fire, Watertown Fire, Delano Fire, Hamel Fire, Wayzata Fire, Excelsior Fire, Plymouth Fire, Hopkins Fire, St. Louis Park Fire, Minnetonka Fire, the Hennepin County Fire Investigation Team, Orono Police Department, West Hennepin Public Safety, Medina Police Department, North Memorial Ambulance, Independence Public Works, Maple Plain Public Works and Hennepin County Public Works.

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