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**BARTLETT**  
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## Press Release

**Release Date:** January 13, 2021  
**Contact:** Battalion Chief Denice Maiz / Deputy Chief Brian Becker  
**Description:** Structure Fire

On Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at 10:11 pm., the Bartlett Fire District responded to an automatic fire alarm in the 1300 Block of Brewster Creek Boulevard in Bartlett. The first Bartlett Fire District personnel arrived on the scene at 10:14 pm and were met by the warehouse facility employees stating they saw smoke and flames coming from a pallet storage area. The first fire crews pulled a hose line and aggressively attacked the fire from the interior, while other firefighters stretched a supply line to a fire hydrant. Firefighters reported the building's sprinkler system was activated, containing the fire to an approximately 50'x50' area, but creating heavy smoke conditions. The approximately 100,000 square foot warehouse facility was filled with smoke creating very poor visibility and difficult firefighting conditions. A specialized truck-mounted ventilation fan was requested to help clear the smoke. The fire was also escalated to a second alarm bringing in many additional firefighters and equipment. Since the sprinkler system was holding fire back, all firefighters were ordered to exit the building until smoke could be cleared for firefighter safety. Once enough smoke was removed to operate safely, firefighters could attack the fire using four hose lines. The fire was declared under control Wednesday, January 13, 2021, at 1:45 am. The fire created an enormous amount of burnt debris. Bartlett Public Works was requested to bring a skid steer and end-loader to remove the debris from the structure. Firefighters continued to ventilate smoke and fire gases and perform investigative activities for several hours after the fire was extinguished. The warehouse facility was turned over to the business representatives at 8:30 am.

No firefighters or civilians were injured in the fire. Damage estimates are not available at the time of this press release. Bartlett Fire District investigators determined the cause of the fire was accidental.

The fire was fought by 81 firefighters, staffing nine fire engines, five ladder trucks, six ambulances, four squads, and six ancillary vehicles that responded to the scene, along with seven command officers and four fire investigators. Units from the Hanover Park, Streamwood, South Elgin, Elgin, Fox River Countryside, West Chicago, Carol Stream, Bloomingdale, Naperville, Elk Grove, and St. Charles fire departments were among the responders to the scene as part of mutual aid agreements. The Bartlett Police Department, Bartlett Public Works Department, and the Hanover Township Emergency Services assisted at the scene with support functions including but not limited to firefighter rehabilitation, lighting, fuel services, heavy equipment, along with traffic and crowd control.



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Fire sprinkler systems are designed to help control the spread of fire and contain a fire in the area of origin. Fire Sprinklers help save lives and property when a fire breaks out. The fire sprinkler system significantly reduced this fire and the resulting damage in the warehouse.

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