



# **City of Madison Fire Department**

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## ***News Release***

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### **Sprinkler douses fire at The Jefferson**

A sprinkler system activated at The Jefferson, located at 9401 Old Sauk Road, and extinguished a fire which was accidental due to improperly discarded smoking materials.

City of Madison Fire crews were dispatched on Thursday, November 06, 2008 at 8:16 AM for a report of a structure fire. When firefighters arrived, they found no one had evacuated the building.

They investigated the location of the fire and found the fire occurred on an outside patio at one of the units. A sprinkler system quickly doused the fire and preventing it from spreading to the interior of the building, prior to the arrival of fire department personnel. Fire damaged a patio and siding, with damage estimate around \$3,000.

No one was injured.

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Information on Fire Sprinklers can be found on the National Fire Sprinkler Association web site at [www.nfsa.org](http://www.nfsa.org).

Approximately 4000 people die each year in residential fires, and 500-1000 people die each year in commercial building fires.

Sprinklers can increase the occupant's chance of escape from 50% to 90%. A room can become engulfed in flames in just four minutes. In less time than it would take most fire departments to arrive on the scene, sprinklers can contain and extinguish a fire.

Lives and property are saved by sprinklers!

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