



# **City of Madison Fire Department**

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## ***News Release***

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### **Exact Cause of Prairie Ridge Conservation Park Fire Unknown**

Fire Investigators from the Madison Fire Department, Fire/Arson Investigation Unit have identified an area where they believe the fire at Prairie Ridge Conservation Park originated, but are unable to determine the exact cause at this time. Investigators are certain that a “human act” is responsible for starting this fire.

To assist with this investigation, witnesses or people with information on this fire are encouraged to contact Madison Area Crime Stoppers at 608-266-6014.

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The Madison General Ordinance (34.13 and 34.14) and the State Fire Code prohibit outdoor and open burning without a permit. Fire Codes do permit fires for cooking and approved outdoor fireplaces. The Fire Department **does not** permit the burning of yard waste, construction debris, brush, etc. if the Fire Department receives a complaint, they will respond and can, **at the discretion of the Fire Officer**, extinguish the fire for any violation of the following conditions, or, if they fire is creating a hazard or nuisance.

Information on Outdoor and Open Burning can be found on the City of Madison Fire Department web site at [www.madisonfire.org](http://www.madisonfire.org).

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