



Batesville Fire & Rescue

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Batesville Fire & Rescue Extinguishes Downtown Business Fire Cause is unknown; Remains under Investigation

BATESVILLE, Ind. – Batesville Fire & Rescue responded to a report of a structure fire at French's Locker, 106 Sycamore Street, at 11:46 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6, 2019.

The fire was reported by residential neighbors who discovered smoke in their basement. The neighbor went outside and saw smoke coming from the business and took the appropriate action of calling 911.

First arriving firefighters found heavy smoke coming from the eaves and the roof of the building. Firefighters entered the structure and discovered heavy fire coming from the middle of the structure.

It was determined there were no occupants inside the structure at the time of the fire.

Mutual aid was received by Sunman Rural Fire Department, Oldenburg Eagle Fire Company and Morris Volunteer Fire Department.

One firefighter was overcome with hypothermia and transported to Margaret Mary Health for evaluation. No other injuries occurred.

The fire was under control by 3:30 a.m. and the damage was contained to the French's Locker, Fire Chief Todd Schutte said. Batesville firefighters remained on scene until 8:30 a.m.

"I really want to thank the neighboring departments who responded and provided assistance during the fire," said Chief Schutte. "The response by our mutual aid partners helped limit the spread of the fire and this serves as an example of why these partnerships are so important."

The cause of the fire has not been determined and is under investigation by the Indiana State Fire Marshal's office.

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