

Update - Cobb Structure Fire 1/14/2024, Cobb residents shelter in place lifted

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COBB, Wis. –Yesterday multiple agencies responded to a fire at Insight FS an agriculture building with attached office just outside of Cobb, WI. The call came in at 8:13 am 1/14/24 as a large structure fire. Initial Fire response was from Cobb-Eden Fire Department, Cobb 1st Response and Highland EMS.

Currently the fire is being allowed to burn with smoke and flames present. The fire is contained, yet the location remains an active scene. The location will be closed and barricaded. We ask that the public continue to stay away from the location as it is private property and crews are beginning the clean-up process.

At this time, we are lifting the shelter in place recommendation for the Village of Cobb. The 54th Civil Support Team (CST) is a National Guard Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear response team trained to support civil authorities at an incident site. They identify agents or substances dangerous to human health, assess current or projected consequences, advise on response measures, and assist local authorities with any required follow-on state or federal forces.

Six team members from the 54th CST responded to Cobb, WI to assist with an air monitoring and life safety incident. Two of those team members entered the incident area in personal protective equipment and conducted air monitoring using five different five-gas detectors including a photo-ionizing detecting sensor, hydrogen cyanide detector, and ammonia detector. All air monitoring on those sensors was either near normal background levels or very low. In coordination with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, it was determined the area outside the incident site (Insight FS) was similar concern to a normal fire with regard to gas monitoring. The CST does not measure for particulate matter. Cobb residents may find debris in their yards. Debris is building materials and office content; residents are asked to collect and discard in normal garbage pick-up.

Iowa County and the Cobb-Eden Fire Department would like to thank the following agencies for their assistance.

Barneveld Fire Department
Dodgeville Fire Department
Dodgeville EMS
Highland EMS
Highland Fire Department
Iowa County Sheriff's Office
Iowa County Emergency Management
Iowa County Fire Investigation
Iowa County Hazmat
Iowa County Health Department
Iowa County Highway Department
Linden Fire Department
Livingston Fire Department
Montfort Fire Department
National Guard 54th Civil Support Team
Vernon/Iowa County Hazmat Team
Wisconsin DNR

Wisconsin Emergency Management
Wisconsin State Patrol

The response to this incident was the result of years of training, planning and collaboration with many partners. The end result of no injuries is a great benchmark for the success of this incident response. This will be the final press release of this incident.

For additional information regarding the site please contact Insight FS at the Jefferson office phone number 920-674-7000, or via email at mailus@insightFS.com.