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Structure Fire, 4600 Block of County Baxter Rd, Town of Cottage Grove

At 8:42am on Wednesday, July 12th, Cottage Grove Fire Department was dispatched to a structure fire with reports of smoke and flames showing in the 4600 block of Baxter Road in the Town of Cottage Grove. A plume of dark smoke could be seen from several miles away and a MABAS Box Alarm was called for additional resources while enroute.

Cottage Grove Engine 4 was the first fire apparatus to arrive on scene to find the home nearly fully engulfed and immediately pulled two crosslay hose lines to begin a defensive attack. A rural water supply and tender shuttle was established to bring water to the scene. 27,000 gallons of water were used to fully extinguish the fire. The home is a total loss with a loss estimate of approximately \$350,000. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

During the fire incident, a person with fatal injuries not caused by the fire was located on scene. The Dane County Sheriff's Office is investigating and will issue a statement at the conclusion of their investigation.

One firefighter was taken to the hospital and released.

We would like to thank Cambridge, Deerfield, Maple Bluff, Marshall, McFarland, Stoughton & Sun Prairie Fire Departments along with Deer-Grove & Sun Prairie EMS for their assistance.

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