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Structural Collapse in Downtown Beloit

Beloit, Wisconsin – At approximately 10:50 pm last night (June 25, 2015) the Beloit Fire Department responded to a wall collapse in downtown Beloit. Initial reports stated that the collapse occurred at the Brittan House located at 608 4th St. The first arriving fire department units discovered that a wall collapse occurred at 161 West Grand Ave. During the initial inspection process it appeared that the entire east side of the structure was weakened and that there was potential for a secondary collapse. The Stateline Technical Rescue Team was requested through the MABAS system. A total of 16 departments responded to this incident and off duty Beloit Fire personnel were also called in.

As a result of the wall collapse the Brittan House had to be evacuated until the structure could be deemed safe for re-occupancy. Approximately 45 people were displaced as a result of the evacuation. They were assisted by the Red Cross, Beloit Transit System and the Beloit School District who assisted with transportation and shelter.

As of 8:00am today (June 26, 2015) the Brittan House was deemed safe for occupancy and all of those who were evacuated will be let back in starting at 10:00am.

City of Beloit Code Enforcement and Fire Department personnel were on scene this morning assessing the damage to the affected building with the assistance of Corporate Contractors Inc.

If there are any questions regarding this incident please feel free to contact Beloit Fire Department Deputy Chief Joe Murray at 608-364-2900.