

X-Tinguish® FST contains fire to a single unit and saves structure.

Wapun, WI USA
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The Waupun Fire Department successfully deployed an X-Tinguish® FST (Fire Suppression Tool) on Tuesday, November 29, 2016. A fire call was received by the department at approximately 12:27 pm that heavy smoke was coming from a single story apartment building, consisting of approximately 900-1,000 sq ft units.



Upon arriving at the scene, Chief BJ DeMaa observed heavy black smoke coming from the building. He retrieved the X-Tinguish® FST unit he carried in his command vehicle and deployed the FST through a window in the unit that was on fire. The Chief said after approximately 8 seconds, he heard the unit deploy its aerosol. He observed the heavy black smoke turn from black, to gray and then to white.

While Chief DeMaa was waiting for the first engine to arrive, approximately 5-6 minutes after the FST unit was deployed, he stated, “the X-Tinguish® FST took the fire back to zero.” Once the engine crew arrived and made entry into the dwelling the Chief stated “the Fire Department used approximately 10-15 gallons of water”.

Chief DeMaa also stated that they realized upon clean up and overhaul the X-Tinguish® FST unit was thrown into a bathroom inside the unit instead of the main room where the fire existed. Even though the FST was thrown into a room adjoining the fire, the aerosol from the FST was still able to reach the area of the residence where the fire was and fully suppress it in its tracks, containing the fire.

Chief DeMaa stated that he believes if he had not used the X-Tinguish® FST when he did, the fire would have had the opportunity to spread considerably and likely would have consumed more of the structure, if not most the building before the engine arrived at the scene. The fire was contained to only the original apartment of origin due to the successful deployment of the X-tinguish FST

The cause of the fire is unknown at this time and still under investigation by the Fond du Lac County Sheriff’s Department.

