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PRESS RELEASE

At approximately 17:34 hours on Sunday, March 10, City Fire units were dispatched to a reported structure fire in the area of Metal Man in the 1100 block of Water Street in the City of Watertown. When the first crew arrived, they were faced with smoke coming from an approximately 5,000 square foot metal building leased to a paper shredding company.

Fire Crews established a water supply from a total of three fire hydrants in the area in order to support large caliber water stream operations to contain the fire.

Fire crews were assisted at the scene by Watertown Police, DPW, Fort Drum Fire, Northpole Fire and the County 911 dispatch center. City Codes was contacted to have a contractor assist at the scene in removing the metal structure so that crews could safely extinguish remaining hot spots in the structure. Travel in the area was restricted until fire crews cleared the scene at approximately 23:30 hours.

Fire Investigators will return to the fire scene this morning to identify potential clues under day light conditions, but based on current information, the fire appears to have started in the paper processing area of the structure.

There will not be further updates today.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dale C. Herman".

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Fire Chief, EFO