



City of Madison Fire Department

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Small Fire Extinguished at Sherman Middle School

School staff extinguished a small fire in a science room at Sherman Middle School this afternoon. The Madison Fire Department responded to the school at 1:36 PM to confirm that the fire was completely extinguished. Students and staff had evacuated the building and waited outside until firefighters declared it safe for them to re-enter the building.

Damage from the fire is estimated at \$500 and no injuries were reported at the fire scene. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Firefighters reported that evacuation of the school took a little more than two minutes. Schools are required to conduct fire drills on a monthly basis to insure quick and safe evacuation in the case of an emergency like today's fire.

This is a perfect example of the benefits of making an escape plan and practicing fire drills. Firefighters remind everyone of these safety tips:

- Install smoke alarms on every level of the home, in each bedroom, and outside each bedroom. Interconnected smoke alarms will make sure the alarm is heard throughout the home.
- Test your smoke alarms every month.
- Have an escape plan at home and at work.
- Practice your plan at least twice a year by having fire drills.
- When the alarm sounds, get out and stay out.
- After you have escaped, call 9-1-1 from a safe place.
- Never go back inside the building for any reason.

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