



Waukesha Fire Department

Memo



To: Mayor Shawn Reilly
From: Fire Chief Steve Howard *SH*
Date: July 12, 2018
Re: Lightning Strike – Damage to Fire Station #3

On July 4, 2018, Fire Station #3 experienced damage as a result of lightning strike to the ground outside of the building. Although the facility never lost power, it was quickly determined that this event compromised many building systems and components within the facility (station alerting, door security, overhead garage door operators, generator transfer switch, fire alarm system, hot water heater), none of which prevented the crews and apparatus from being fully functional at all times.

Since this incident, many repairs have already been made and others are in the process of being scheduled. We have been working with the Finance Department and the insurance company to determine the final costs of all repairs and if coverage will be available based on our deductible. Also, Fire Department staff is also working with a City electrician, who is reviewing the situation to be proactive in preventing potential similar future situations.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.