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Press Release

On Friday, January 22, 2016, at approximately 4:20AM, officers from the DeWitt Police Department along with the DeWitt Fire Department responded to an apartment structure fire at 1113 Humeston Rd. in DeWitt. Officer's from the DeWitt Police Department were the first to arrive on the scene, and were unable to determine if there were still occupants in the building. Officer's then entered the building and quickly went apartment by apartment attempting to locate any remaining occupants. Officers were able to check all but one top floor apartment, and were turned back by heavy smoke, intense heat and flames.

The DeWitt Fire Department arrived on scene moments later and began fire fighting and rescue operations, but was also momentarily turned back because sections of the roof began collapsing. A section of the collapsing roof struck a DeWitt firefighter causing minor injuries. The firefighter was taken to DeWitt Genesis Hospital where he was treated for his injuries. Firefighters eventually were able to gain entry to the top floor apartment and located a deceased 67 year old female. The victims name is not being released at this time until next of kin has been notified. The cause of fire remains under investigation by the State Fire Marshal's office. Clinton County Emergency Management and the Red Cross responded to the scene and assisted in providing housing to those residents displaced by the fire.