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Thursday October 16<sup>th</sup> Speedway Fire units Ladder 88 and Battalion 20 (Battalion Chief) were dispatched to a working Apartment fire with reported entrapment at the Golden West apartments in Wayne Township. Speedway units arrived on scene assisting Wayne Township Fire on this difficult fast moving fire. Aggressive rapid action by the first arriving Wayne Township Fire Department units made a positive impact on reducing this dangerous fire to a more manageable situation. Wayne Township search teams were able to quickly determine that no occupants were trapped, allowing attack crews to focus efforts on extinguishment, while Speedway Ladder 88 crew members focused on searching for any fire extension further into the structure.

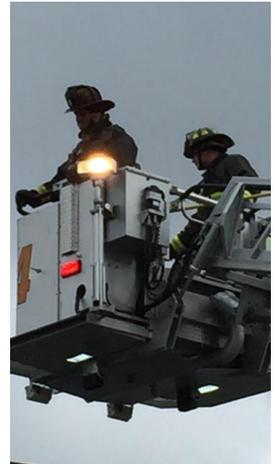
Due to the extremely fast moving fire conditions that the Incident Commander WTFD Battalion Chief (Battalion 80) observed on the scene and statements made, a call was placed for the WTFD Arson Investigations unit to respond and upon arrival they began their investigation.

Fire damage from the arson is listed at 200,000.00 dollars, with four units sustaining damage and no injuries. Friday, the WTFD released a statement saying the fire was intentionally set. A reward is being offered of up to 5,000.00 for information that leads to the arrest of the person or persons involved in this dangerous criminal act. The Wayne Township Fire Department is asking that anyone with information to call the Indiana Arson Hotline at: 1-800-382-4628.

Bn. Chief Everett M. Cheney  
Speedway Fire Dept. P.I.O.

Photos :

SFD Captain John Mathews (on left) & SFD Firefighter Eric T. Emerson (on right) work from the “bucket” of Wayne Township Ladder 84 searching for dangerous fire extension into the roof structure.



Speedway Firefighters, Michael Boe (foreground) & Larry Rysdam (rear) conducting the difficult work of finding “hot spots” within the structure .

Photos showing conditions upon arrival.

