

Lakeville Firefighters respond to Assawompset Elem. School for high levels of Carbon Monoxide, smoke

"Fire alarm activation alerts firefighters to burner malfunction at Assawompset Elementary School.

The alarm rang into the station just after 5 am, bringing Engine 2 to the scene. The investigating firefighters encountered a smoke condition in this building, prompting a recall of off-duty firefighters. Engine 1, Tower Ladder 1, Engine 3, Car 1, and Car 2 joined the response.

Air quality was checked and high levels of carbon monoxide were found in addition to the smoke. Firefighters disabled the heating equipment and began ventilating the building. Crews used fans to remove the smoke and CO from the building.

Firefighters worked for more than an hour with FLRSD officials to make the building safe.



Lakeville, MA Fire Department photo.

By the time the children arrived at school all portions of the building had been completely vented and free of smoke and carbon monoxide. Heat was also restored to the building.

Firefighters returned later in the morning to perform further air quality monitoring out of an abundance of caution.

Chief O'Brien would like to commend the effort of his firefighters, "the crew hustled to make sure the building was safe and ready for the school day". The Chief also appreciated the efforts of school officials who assisted with operations."-Lakeville, MA Fire Department.