



## NEWS RELEASE

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Portage Department of Public Safety Fire Division responded to 6565 Sprinkle Road, Bowers Manufacturing, at 1:02 a.m. on a report of a compactor fire attached to the building. Initial unit on-scene found white-colored smoke coming from the compactor. The compactor was filled mainly with cardboard, animal fat, and other refuse from the company processing.

Due to a narrow opening into the compactor, fire crews were unable to extinguish the fire until a heavy-duty wrecker was called to pull the compactor away from the building. The contents were dumped, and the fire extinguished at approximately 3:45 a.m.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Portage Department of Public Safety at 329-4567 or Silent Observer at 343-2100, [www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com](http://www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com).

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