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Wheeling Island Second Alarm Fire Investigation

Wheeling firefighters spent hours New Year's Eve extinguishing a massive second alarm fire on the southern end Wheeling Island.

Shortly after the first 911 call was made around 6:10 p.m., flames were visible from the roof and the fire could be seen miles away. The building, an old Exposition Hall and indoor skating rink, was not occupied and was being used for storage. No one was injured.

When firefighters arrived on scene, the entire roof of the building was engulfed in fire and later collapsed. Firefighters were able to suppress most of the fire in about three hours and continued to extinguish hot spots overnight.

Cumberland Trail Fire Department assisted WFD by answering other fire or emergency related calls in the city.

Fire investigators will continue looking into a cause, which has not yet been determined.

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