

Beloit fire crew responds to wall collapse

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BELOIT, Wis.---The Beloit Fire Department responded to a wall collapse downtown Beloit Thursday night, according to a release from the City of Beloit Fire Department.

The incident happened around 10:50 p.m. at a building located at 161 W. Grand Ave.

Officials said during the initial inspection process it appeared there was potential for a secondary collapse. As a result of the collapse, the Brittan House, located at 608 4th St., had to be evacuated until the structure could be deemed safe for re-occupancy.

According to the release, 45 people were displaced as a result of the evacuation. They were assisted by the Red Cross, Beloit Transit System and the Beloit School District who assisted with transportation and shelter. On Friday morning, officials said the Brittan House was deemed safe for occupancy and all of those who were evacuated will be let back in starting at 10 a.m.

City of Beloit Code Enforcement and Fire Department personnel were on scene Friday morning assessing the damage to the affected building with the assistance of Corporate Contractors Inc.