



MEDIA RELEASE

August 31, 2026

Structure Fire – Calamus, Iowa

On Monday, August 31, 2026, at approximately 2:13 p.m., Clinton County Communications Center received a 911 call reporting an explosion at a residence at 2817 160th Avenue in rural Calamus, IA. Clinton County Sheriff's Deputies, along with Calamus Fire Department and Wheatland Ambulance, were dispatched. Calamus First Responders arrived on scene and located numerous structures and vehicles on fire. An adult male victim was located near the residence with severe burns.

The injured individual was treated by Wheatland Ambulance and subsequently transported by AirCare 4 air ambulance to the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics for further treatment. During the blaze-extinguishing operation, a member of the Calamus Fire Department developed heat-related symptoms and was transported to Genesis Hospital in DeWitt by ground ambulance.

The victim's condition and identity are being withheld at this time, and the incident remains under investigation by the Clinton County Sheriff's Office and the Iowa State Fire Marshal Division.

The Clinton County Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the Calamus First Responders, Calamus Fire Department, Wheatland Ambulance, Wheatland Fire Department, DeWitt Ambulance, Clinton County Emergency Management, Iowa State Fire Marshal Division, Iowa State Patrol, and AirCare 4.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Greenwalt", written over a horizontal line.

Sheriff Bill Greenwalt

Clinton County Sheriff's Office