

Company Expects Return To Work

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A Crescent Street furniture company in Jamestown was expected to return to full production this afternoon after a silo fire Monday.

Jamestown firefighters were called to the Van Stee Corp. just after 3 p.m. when sawdust in one of the company's silos caught on fire.

There was no damage outside of the silo, but production was slowed until the burned sawdust could be removed.

"The silo is a collection bin," said Scott Van Stee, the company's president. "Any sanding dust or sawdust that comes from planing or turning and so forth goes into that."

Van Stee said it acts as a blower system and when it is not functioning properly, the sawdust cannot be removed from the work area.

"It stops us from doing anything inside the plant," he said.

Van Stee said the fire apparently started after a spark from a sawblade caught some of the sawdust on fire.

Assistant Fire Chief Lance Hedlund said no one was injured and firefighters were on the scene for about three hours.

Jamestown firefighters also Monday responded to an apartment building fire at 45 Baker St. that will force the building's residents to stay with friends and relatives for awhile.

Hedlund said firefighters were called to the six-apartment building just after 1 p.m. The fire was confined to the second-floor apartment rear apartment of Tammy Restivo.

The fire was in the bathroom and kitchen area, Hedlund said.

"There was some smoke damage to the two third-floor apartments and water damage to the first floor," he said.

The second floor apartment was damaged moderately, according to Hedlund.

While no cause for the fire has been determined, Hedlund said the fire was not intentionally set.

Ms. Restivo was not home at the time of the fire and no one was injured. Firefighters remained on the scene for about four hours, according to Hedlund.