

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Thursday, July 2, 2021 at 1200 hours.

**Unrestricted Return of the Public
Media Advisory**

As a result of the Benton Street Fire incident, some Grundy County/Morris residents have been evacuated. The Incident Command staff has now determined that the air quality has returned to a safe level and evacuated residents may return to their homes and businesses. Please watch for restricted street access in the immediate area. Air monitoring will continue. While levels are within normal limits, odors may linger.

Law Enforcement Officials will provide traffic control on major routes to assist those returning to the area. Transportation will be provided for those persons who need assistance or are still in the shelter. Please contact the hotline for assistance at 815-941-3408.

Please refer to the Grundy County Health Department "Returning Home - Precautions to Protect Your Health" information sheet for details on safety and cleaning advisories.

If your animal is currently located at Grundy County Animal Control, please contact 815-942-9214 to schedule pick up.

First responders will remain in the area for the near future.

Please know that hotline hours are being edited. Hours for Friday, July 2, are from 8 am to 8 pm. Please leave a voicemail if needed and a volunteer will return your call as soon as possible.

Signed,

Morris Mayor Chris Brown

Morris Police Chief Alicia Steffes

Morris Fire Protection & Ambulance District Chief Tracey Steffes

Grundy County Sheriff Ken Briley

Grundy County Health Administrator Michelle Pruim

Grundy County Emergency Management Agency Director Joe Schroeder