

Weston responds to Saugatuck fire

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The Weston Volunteer Fire Department responded to a call for mutual aid to assist with a destructive fire at the Saugatuck Congregational Church in Westport.

According to WVFD Captain Terry Blake, the fire started at the church around 10 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 20. The fire caused significant damage to a building where the church's offices and pre-school were located.

Weston received a mutual aid call around 11 and sent six firefighters and a large hose engine with a water supply. Weston was put on standby and the engine was not needed to battle the blaze, Mr. Blake said. Weston was dismissed from the scene shortly before 2 a.m. Monday.

Fires at churches are inherently difficult to control because the buildings are full of open space, according to Mr. Blake. "This was a large fire. Westport and mutual aid did an exceptional job stopping it and saving the church," he said.

In addition to Weston, assisting Westport were fire departments from Norwalk, Fairfield and Wilton.