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Jackson Township (Stark County, Ohio) - At approximately 8:38 a.m. on Sunday, January 4, 2026, Jackson Township Fire Department crews responded to reports of smoke coming from a commercial building in the 7800 block of Freedom Avenue NW. Upon arrival, crews found smoke and fire showing from the roof.

Firefighters initiated an aggressive interior attack but soon transitioned to defensive operations due to structural instability. The businesses were unoccupied at the time of the incident. No injuries were reported to firefighters or civilians.

Damage estimates have not been determined. The origin and cause of the fire remain under investigation.

Jackson Township responded with one Medic Unit, four Engines, Tower 1, Chief 1, Deputy Chief 2, Deputy Chief 3, Battalion Chief, Safety Officer, two Fire Investigators, and a Public Information Officer. Mutual aid was provided by Green Fire, Plain Township Fire, North Canton Fire, along with the Jackson Township Police and Highway Departments.

For further information, please contact Fire Chief Tim Berczik at (330) 834-3953.



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