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HYANNIS UFO FLARE

8-X Hyannis UFO has flare for the dramatic

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"We still don't know" what it is, said Hyannis Deputy Fire Chief Lester Mason. "We just know an object came out of the sky."

Mason thinks the bright light that fell from the sky and landed in the back yard of a home on Bearse's Way Monday night is a flare. But the object was unrecognizable by the time it touched the earth. "Just the molten material . . . was left," he said.

"It was a very brilliant light, a brilliant white light, that fell from the sky," Mason said. "As it got closer to the ground it got brighter and brighter."

Firefighters found a white, powdery object about 12 inches in diameter on the ground. Parts of it were solid. Mason said it was difficult to describe because it disintegrated. The fire department had it sent to the state fire marshal's office in Boston for analysis.

Several people in the area saw the object land around 10:30 p.m., Mason said.