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Type and Description of Incident / Fire:

Brush Fires in Derry-

At 1138 hrs the Derry Fire Communications Center was alerted to a brush fire near the power lines in the area of Pingree Hill Rd. The fire was reported by a man on an ATV. Engine 1, Task Force 2 and the Battalion Chief were dispatched to the area. The fire was located in a difficult to reach area behind Symphony Ln. Due to the difficult access, off road gator units were requested from Chester and Auburn. This brought an additional Forestry and Forestry Tanker from Chester. Crews reported approximately 2 acres burning with wind driven fire in dry conditions. An additional Forestry Unit from Derry was requested. Londonderry, Hooksett and Atkinson provided Engines companies to assist with manpower. Auburn, Candia and Hampstead assisted with Tankers to shuttle water to the scene. Approximately 25,000 gallons of water with Class A foam were utilized to extinguish the fire with 26 firefighters. A State Forest Warden also assisted. The hot and humid conditions made the work challenging for firefighters. Crews will return to the area tonight to check for hot spots due to the intensity and depth of the fire. One firefighter from a mutual aid company was treated and released for heat exhaustion.

Station Coverage was provided by Salem, Hudson and Londonderry. The Fire was contained at 1321 hrs and the last unit cleared at 1703 hrs.

At 1433 hrs the Derry Fire Communications Center received a call reporting another brush fire in the area of Ballard Pond. A Salem Engine and call back personnel from Derry were sent to the scene. Crews found an area approximated at less than an acre burning. Additional resources were requested to the scene that included: A Salem Forestry, Sandown Tanker, Windham Forestry, Raymond Tanker and A Chester Forestry Tanker and a Candia Tanker were released from the Symphony Lane Fire to assist with the Ballard Pond Fire. There were no injuries reported. Crews utilized approximately 10,000 gallons of water and 20 personnel to control the Ballard Pond Fire.

Mutual Aid companies responded to four other incidents while the two brush fires were being fought

Damage to Property:

No structures were damaged in the fires.

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Injuries to Fire and Non-Fire Personnel:

One mutual aid firefighter suffered from heat exhaustion at the Symphony Ln Fire. He was treated and released.

Additional Remarks:

Illegal camp fires are suspected of starting both fires. Residents are reminded that wooded areas are dry right now and urged to use caution with open flames. A permit to kindle a fire is always required unless there is a 100' radius of complete snow cover in the area the fire is to be kindled.

Incident #	2015-3149 and 2015-3151	Time of Alarm	1127 and 1449 hrs
Date of Incident:	09/02/2015	Time "Under Control"	1422hrs and 1645 hrs
Incident Address:	2 Symphony Ln and Gill Rd	Recall of Alarm	1703 and 1652 hrs

Fire Officer Submitting Release: **Battalion Chief Scott Haggart**

Date: **September 2nd, 2015**

Signature of Fire Officer: _____

Chief of Department – Michael J. Gagnon

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