



NEWS RELEASE

DERRY FIRE DEPARTMENT
14 MANNING STREET
DERRY, NH 03038

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 5, 2015

Type and Description of Incident / Fire: Motor vehicle collision with severe injuries

Derry Fire Engine 1, Medic 1, and Car 1 responded to 187 Rockingham Road (in front of Pete's Scoop Ice Cream Stand) for a motor vehicle collision involving two cars. Upon arrival fire department personnel found two male patients from a two car, head-on, collision with extensive damage to both vehicles. Both drivers were severely injured and one was trapped in their car. There were no other occupants. Derry Car 1 immediately called for a second ambulance, an additional Engine from Derry, an Engine from Windham, and the DHART (Dartmouth-Hitchcock Advanced Response Team) medical helicopter from Manchester.

With-in 15 minutes of arrival, Derry crews used both hydraulic cutters and spreaders, commonly referred to as the Jaws of Life, and extricated the un-belted driver of the sedan. This patient had several life-threatening injuries requiring aggressive injury management including multiple advanced life support procedures. Meanwhile additional Derry Fire crews, with the assistance of the Derry Police established a helicopter landing zone in the parking lot of the adjacent Hilltop Tavern. DHART arrived on scene and flew the patient to the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

The second patient had significant injuries and was rapidly extricated from an SUV using basic hand-tools. Crews activated Parkland Medical Center's trauma team, performed multiple advanced life support procedures on this patient, and transported him to Parkland.

Rockingham Road was closed for several hours as the Derry Police Department investigated the accident. For more information please contact the Derry Police.

During this call a secondary accident, with injury, occurred ¼ of a mile south on Rockingham Road. Derry Engine 2 and a Londonderry Fire Department Medic responded.

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LFD transported one patient with minor injuries to Parkland. This was one of fourteen emergencies the Derry Fire Department responded to during the first twelve hours of Battalion 2's shift.

The Derry Fire Department wants to remind everyone to wear their seatbelts. Even with airbags occupants can suffer major or even fatal injuries, if they are unrestrained.

The following resources were used during the two accidents: Derry Police; DHART; Derry Engines 1, 4, & 2; Windham Engine 1, Derry Rescue 1, Derry Medics 1 & 3, and Derry Car 1.

For more information please contact the Derry Police Department.

Photos:

Derry Fire Photo 1: Firefighter Anthony DeRosa and Lt. Ryan Bump, using a hydraulic cutter, work to remove the passenger.

Derry Fire Photo 2: Crews used hydraulic tools to force open both doors and lift to lift the dashboard off of the patient.

Incident #	<u>2015-4313</u>	Time of Alarm	<u>16:33</u>
Date of Incident:	<u>December 5, 2015</u>	Time of Arrival	<u>16:39</u>
		Time "Under Control"	<u>16:58</u>
Incident Address:	<u>Area of – 187 Rockingham Rd.</u>	Recall of Alarm	<u>17:30</u>

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