

DERRY FIRE DEPARTMENT



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For immediate release:

Working Building Fire, Derry, New Hampshire

Type and Description of Incident / Fire:

At approximately 09:22 a.m. the Derry Fire Communications Center received a Master Box Alarm Activation for 95 East Broadway. Engine's 1, 2, 3, Ladder 4, and Car 1 were dispatched simultaneously from their stations.

Car 1 (Command Vehicle) arrived on-scene 2 minutes and 55 seconds from the time of dispatch, with Engine 1 arriving shortly behind. On arrival fire was showing from a second-floor window. Occupants of the structure were noted to be in the windows and doors on the second and third floor. Audible and visual fire alarms were activated. The remaining Derry Fire Units were requested to the scene which added Medic 1 and an administrative member.

Due to the occupancy of the building, a Working Fire Assignment was requested. This brought in mutual aid resources to the scene. A fire attack was initiated, and additional fire companies simultaneously performed search and rescue. Multiple occupants were assisted/removed from the structure.

The first e911 call was placed and received by Derry Fire Communications Center as the first fire Engine arrived on scene.

One unit received extensive fire and smoke damage and was uninhabitable. Red Cross was requested to the scene to assist the two adults that occupied the most damaged unit.

Thirty-one firefighters responded to this fire. Resources from Windham, Auburn, and Londonderry responded to the scene.

Resources from Hudson, Chester, Salem and Hampstead provided station coverage.

During this incident, the Derry Fire Communications Center handled multiple other emergency requests- including medical incidents and Alarm Activations- which were handled by Mutual Aid Companies and Call Back Staffing during the fire.

The Derry Fire Department would like to remind the community that smoking is the leading cause of home fire deaths in the United States. Soak cigarette butts and ashes in water before throwing them away. Never toss hot cigarette butts or ashes in the trash can

Damage To Property:

One of the units received extensive fire and smoke damage and was uninhabitable. Common areas and several other units received smoke and water damage.

Injuries To Fire and Non-Fire Personnel:

One civilian was evaluated by Emergency Medical Services and declined further treatment and transport.

One firefighter was injured at this incident. The injury was related to a fall due to icy conditions.

Additional Remarks:

The Derry Fire Prevention Bureau determined the cause to be improper disposal of "cigarettes."

Attached Photo: Photos provided courtesy and with permission of Jeff Hastings, InfoNH





Incident #	2019 - 4305	Time of Alarm	09:22
Date of Incident:	<u>11/17/2019</u>	Time "Under Control"	<u>09:59</u>
Incident Address:	<u>95 East Broadway</u>	Recall of Alarm	<u>12:55</u>
Fire Officer Submitting Release: BC Shawn Haggart		Date: 11/17/2019	
Signature of Fire Officer: _____			

Chief of Department – Michael J. Gagnon

