



## *P R E S S   R E L E A S E*

### **Type and Description of Incident / Fire:**

The Derry Fire Communications Center received a single 911 call at 03:43 hours from the occupant of 5 Dustin Avenue reporting a fire in their home on the first level. The occupant also reported that all occupants had made it out of the building, but 3 cats were still inside.

Derry Car 1, Engines 1, 2, 3, Truck 4 and Medic 1 were dispatched to the above address. All Derry companies were in service and available to respond.

On arrival, companies found a moderate amount of smoke pushing from the eaves and windows of a single family split level dwelling. First arriving Engine Company made access and found heavy smoke, fire, and heat coming from the basement. An attack line was advanced to the basement for control and extinguishment of the fire. A second Engine Company assigned to the 1<sup>st</sup> floor found heavy smoke, fire and heat confined to the bathroom above the seat of the fire located in the basement. A second attack line was deployed to the first floor. An aggressive attack by interior crews quickly knocked down the fire stopping any additional fire spread to the rest of the building. 3 cats overcome by smoke inhalation were found during a primary search. All 3 cats were successfully resuscitated by fire personell on scene and released to the owners.

Additional Derry companies assisted with command and control, search, ventilation, water supply, and the placement of a backup line.

Mutual Aid to the scene was received by Londonderry and Windham.

Station Coverage provided by Manchester, Auburn, Salem, and Hampstead.

### **Damage To Property:**

There was a significant amount of fire, smoke and water damage throughout the basement. The first floor sustained heavy fire and smoke damage to the bathroom. Light smoke and water damage throughout the remainder of the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. The home is considered uninhabitable at this time.

### **Injuries To Fire and Non-Fire Personnel:**

There were no civilian or fire service personnel injuries.

### **Additional Remarks:**

Unable to determine a cause of the fire at this point, the incident is still under investigation. The fire does not appear to be suspicious at this time. There were 5 adults and 3 cats displaced. Red Cross has been in contact and is working with the family.

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## PRESS RELEASE

Incident #	2016-000954	Time of Alarm	03:43
Date of Incident:	03/10/2016	Time "Under Control"	04:24
Incident Address:	5 Dustin Avenue.	Recall of Alarm	06:28

Fire Officer Submitting Release: Battalion Chief James Richardson Date: 03/10/2016

Signature of Fire Officer:

*Chief of Department – Michael J. Gagnon*

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