



PRESS RELEASE

Type and Description of Incident / Fire:

At approximately 12:52 the Derry Fire Communications Center received a single 911 call from a resident of 365 Island Pond Road Derry, NH 03038 reporting a person at that location had suffered burns to the face as a result of a medical oxygen explosion with no report of a secondary fire or smoke.

Initially, Derry Engine 4 and Medic 2 were dispatched to the call. First arriving company's found a moderate smoke condition in the house and requested additional resources. Due to multiple simultaneous calls, an engine company from Salem Fire Department was requested mutual aid. Derry Car 1 and Engine 1 were dispatched and responded. Derry Engine 1 delayed from another call.

1 adult male who sustained severe burns to the face and chest was transported to Parkland Medical Center and ultimately airlifted to a Boston based medical facility.

The medical oxygen fire caused charring of the floor in the living room, fire extinguished by a family member prior to fire department arrival. Building ventilated by fire crews.

Derry Fire Investigators K-1, K-3, and the Derry Fire Department Fire Investigation Unit responded to the scene and conducted a fire investigation. The State Fire Marshal's Office was requested to assist in the investigation. Investigation determined that the cause of the fire was due to use of smoking materials while self-administering home medical oxygen.

Damage To Property:

As stated above.

Injuries To Fire Personnel:

There were no injuries.

Incident #	2016-001924	Time of Alarm	12:52
Date of Incident:	05/20/2016	Time "Under Control"	13:25
Incident Address:	356 Island Pond Road	Recall of Alarm	16:35

Fire Officer Submitting Release: Battalion Chief James Richardson Date: 05/20/2016

Signature of Fire Officer:

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