



Derry Fire Department
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For immediate release:

Working Building Fire, Derry, New Hampshire

At 12:58 hours Derry Engines 4, 1, 2, 3; Medic 1; and Car 1 were dispatched to 2 Redfield Circle for a reported building fire. An off duty firefighter was at Central Fire Station at the time of the Alarm and was able to staff and respond Derry Tanker 1.

An adult resident was home at the time of the fire and called 911. Upon arrival initial crews observed heavy smoke and moderate amount of fire running up the entire right side of a single family home. The adult female resident and bystander were attempting to slow down the outside fire with garden hoses.

The Derry Fire Department rapidly knocked down the exterior fire and deployed lines into the interior of the structure. Crews then encountered high heat, fire, and heavy smoke from the attic and a knee wall that were spreading into the second floor. The fire was rapidly progressing through these hidden void spaces and mutual aid was called to the scene. Control of the fire was hampered by a large amount of items stored in the knee wall, the need to use chain saws to ventilate the roof and open up the right side of the building, and the need to remove sheet rock and many items from the second floor in order to gain access to the fire.

A tanker shuttle was used to bring water to the scene. It was fortuitous that an off-duty fire fighter was in Central Fire Station at the time of the alarm and was able to respond the Tanker. Without the Derry Fire Tanker initial crews would have run out of water.

Forty-five firefighters responded to this fire. Mutual Aid was provided by Auburn, Chester, Londonderry, Windham, Hampstead, Salem, Sandown, and Raymond Fire Departments. Station coverage was provided by Nashua, Manchester, Hudson and Plaistow Fire Departments. During this call Londonderry Car 1, Manchester Engine and Hudson Engine responded to a reported kitchen fire in Sunview Condominiums; while Nashua Engine and Londonderry Ambulance responded to a medical emergency on East Broadway.

There were no civilian or firefighter injuries. The home is uninhabitable with extensive fire damage to the right side, attic and knee-wall; smoke damage to the entire second floor, and water damage throughout the building. Almost all the home's contents were damaged or destroyed. The house is occupied by an adult couple with two school aged children. The American Red Cross Disaster Services responded to the scene and will be providing family services.

Incident #2016-2092 was dispatched at 12:58; Car 1 was on scene at 1300 hours with Engine 4 arriving at 1302. The fire was under control at 13:49, and all Derry Fire units were secure and available at 15:44. The fire is under investigation by the Derry Fire Prevention

Bureau but preliminary cause was accidental with origin being on the exterior of the right side of the home.

Photo Caption: (Derry Fire 2016-2092) Right side of 2 Redfield Circle, note the smoke from the attic vent which is indicative of a fire in the attic.

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