



Derry Fire Department
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For immediate release:

Working Building Fire, Derry, New Hampshire

At 11:12 hours Derry Engines 3 1, 4, 2; and Car 1 were dispatched to 20 Cove Road 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. Derry Medic 1 was committed to a prior medical call and was unavailable.

Three adult residents were home at the time of the fire. One resident smelled smoke in an upstairs bedroom, went outside, observed fire on the outside of the house and called 911. Upon arrival initial crews observed a moderate amount of fire running up the top of a chimney and extending into the roof and second floor.

The Derry Fire Department rapidly knocked down the exterior fire and deployed lines into the interior of the structure. Crews then encountered smoke from fire in the ceiling and walls. Control of the fire required using chainsaws to open up the roof, the exterior walls, and to open up interior wood paneled walls and ceilings.

Thirty-five firefighters responded to this fire. Mutual Aid was provided by Auburn, Chester, Londonderry, Windham, and Hampstead Fire Departments. Station coverage was provided by Nashua, Manchester, Hudson and Salem Fire Departments. During this call the Manchester Engine and a Derry Medic responded to a medical call.

There were no civilian or firefighter injuries. All pets were accounted for and were uninjured. The home is uninhabitable with fire damage to the right exterior and second floor bedroom; smoke damage to the entire second floor, and water damage to the right side of the home. The house is occupied by five adults, one of whom is disabled, two dogs and one cat. The American Red Cross Disaster Services responded to the scene and will be providing family services.

Incident #2017-0952 was dispatched at 11:12; Engine 3 was on scene at 11:15 hours. The fire was under control at 11:45, and all Derry Fire units were secure and available at 14:12. The fire is under investigation by the Derry Fire Prevention Bureau, preliminary cause was failure of a chimney with the origin being the top of the exterior chimney extending into the home. The home is heated with a pellet stove.

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