



Derry Fire Department  
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*For immediate release:*

*Car into home and barn in Derry*

At 21:46 hours on May 17, 2017, Derry Engine 1, Medic 1 and Car 1 were dispatched to 21 Kendall Pond Road for a motor vehicle collision into a house. Upon arrival Engine 1 found a car that had hit a house and attached barn with structural damage to both. The incident was upgraded with Derry Engine 4, Rescue 1 with the heavy rescue trailer, and Utility 3 with the lumber trailer all responding to the scene. Rescue 1 and Utility 3 were staffed by members of Engine 4's crew.

An Audi sedan had left the road, struck an embankment, wooden fence, became airborne striking the side of a house before traveling into an attached barn. The driver of the car was able to get out of the car before arrival of fire crews. He was evaluated and transported to Parkland Medical Center with non-life-threatening injuries.

A husband and wife were home at the time of the crash, and stated that it felt like a "freight train" had just gone through their yard. The occupants run a mobile petting zoo from their home. There were no injuries to the residents or any animals. The section of the house that was struck and the attached barn are only used for storage of supplies and equipment. The damage left one corner of an enclosed porch unsupported, and a corner support post of the barn was destroyed leaving that corner of the barn unsupported. There was also significant damage to non-load bearing walls of both the porch and the barn.

Crews evaluated the structure and determined that once the car was removed, the affected corners of the porch and barn would need to be shored. Crews then constructed a door shore for the porch, a T-shore for the barn and laced them together. Once shoring was complete the structures were re-occupied and turned over to the property owners.

The accident is under investigation by the Derry Police Department. Shortly after this call was dispatched Derry Engine 2 and Medic 3 responded to East Broadway for a motorcycle accident. With this call all Derry Fire and EMS units were committed to calls and off-duty personnel were recalled to their stations. The motorcycle accident involved only minor injuries and the operator refused treatment or EMS transport.

Incident #2017-1786 was dispatched at 21:46; first units arrived on scene at 21:50; the call was under control at 23:05, and all Derry Fire units were secure and available at 23:20. This was also the second major call of the shift, earlier in the afternoon crews had responded to a two-alarm structure fire.

**Photo caption #1:** Damage to the side of the house and attached barn by the car.

**Photo caption #2:** Derry Crews pre-assembling the door shore for the house. Final assembly of the shore is done once it is placed in the structure.

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