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PRESS RELEASE

Type and Description of Incident / Fire: Residential house fire with civilian injuries

On December 2nd, 2019 at 5:00 a.m. the Derry Fire Communications Center received a 911 call reporting smoke in the building at 6 Morningside Drive, Derry. A battalion chief, three engine companies, one ladder company, one tanker and an ambulance were dispatched.

Upon arrival of the initial companies there was heavy smoke coming from the first and second floors on the left side of a duplex style home. A working fire assignment was requested as well as an additional ambulance. Two adults self-evacuated from the basement and another adult and her 2 year old child were trapped on the second floor. The child was dropped from a second-floor window to family members below and the other adult jumped from the second floor window. Both the adult and child who were trapped on the second floor were transported by ambulance to a local hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Two other adults self-evacuated from the right side unit. The fire was confined to the first floor and quickly extinguished. Two small pets perished in the fire. Smoke detectors did not alert occupants. Mutual aid to the scene was received from Londonderry, Windham, and Salem. Station coverage was provided by Hudson, Salem, Pelham and Manchester. The Derry Fire Department Fire Prevention Bureau is investigating the cause of the fire and American Red Cross is assisting the displaced occupants. Every homeowner should make sure they have working smoke detectors.

Incident #	2019-004506	Time of Alarm	5:00a.m.
Date of Incident:	12/02/2019	Time "Under Control"	6:00a.m.
Incident Address:	6 Morningside	Recall of Alarm	

Fire Officer Submitting Release: **Battalion William E. Gillis, Jr.**

Date: 12/02/2019

Signature of Fire Officer: _____