

# DERRY FIRE DEPARTMENT



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**For immediate release: Incident Number 2023-741**

## **Building Fire 51 Birch St. Derry, NH**

On February 17, at approximately 8:10 p.m., Officers from the Derry Police Department reported a Building Fire on Birch St. The Derry Fire Emergency Communications Division dispatched Derry E-1, Car-1, Ladder 4, and Engine 2. Derry Ladder 3 and Medic 1 were assigned to a previous medical call.

51 Birch St. is comprised of a 3-story main house that was constructed in 1901 with two additions, cut up into apartments, with a gross area of 7,000 sq/ft. The building was under renovation and uninhabited at the time of the fire.

Derry Engine 1, Ladder 4, Engine 2, and Car 1 responded from their assigned stations. Enroute, Car 1 confirmed police reports of the fire and ordered the Working Fire Assignment. This brought additional resources to the scene from Londonderry, Windham, and Auburn. Derry Ladder 3 also responded from the previous medical call.

Car 1, serving as the Incident Commander, used all Derry and mutual aid crews to locate, confine, and extinguish the fire. Crews were hampered by sub-freezing temperatures and 15-20 mph winds. The fire was declared under control at 10:53 p.m. Fire Investigators from the Bureau of Fire Prevention responded to the scene, assisted with suppression efforts, and worked to identify the cause and origin of the fire. Eversource was requested to isolate power to the residence. At the time of the press release, the fire is not considered suspicious and is under investigation.

Station Coverage was provided by the Hudson, Salem, Hampstead, and Chester Fire Departments.

No civilians or firefighters were injured at this fire.

Fire Officer Submitting Release: Battalion Chief Greg Laro