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For immediate release: Incident Number 2023-003556

Structure Fire, 190 Hampstead Road. Derry, NH

On August 28, 2023, at approximately 6:13 p.m., the Derry Fire Emergency Communications Division received a 911 call from an occupant reporting a structure fire at the above address. The Telecommunicator on duty then dispatched Derry Engine 4, Engine 1, Engine 2, Ladder 3, Medic 1, and Car 1 (Battalion Chief) to the incident. Derry K1 (Investigator) was available at Central Station and also responded on the initial dispatch to assist with fire suppression activities.

Upon arrival at the scene, Engine 4 found smoke showing from the rear of a two-story single family structure, resulting in Car 1 requesting the "Working Fire Assignment". The "Working Fire Assignment" brought additional assets to the scene - Derry Chief 1 & Chief 2, K2 (Investigator), Londonderry Ladder 2 and Battalion Chief, Windham Engine and Chief, Auburn Ladder 1, Salem Ambulance, AMR – Manchester, and Derry CERT (Rehab Unit).

The fire was declared under control at 7:27 p.m.

During fire suppression activities, (1) cat, (1) dog, and (1) snake were found in the structure and removed to be reunited with the family. The building housed a total of 6 occupants - (2) Adults, (2) Adult Children and (2) Children who were displaced and are currently being assisted by the American Red Cross.

K1 Eastman and K2 Garone of the Bureau of Fire Prevention and the Derry Police Department investigated the incident. At the time of this report, the fire is classified as "Accidental" with a preliminary cause of electrical wiring failure.

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

During this incident, the Derry Fire Communications Center processed (5) five additional emergency incidents.

Fire Officer Submitting Release: Battalion Chief Greg Laro