



Derry Fire Department
14 Manning Street
Derry, NH 03038
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For immediate release:

Working Building Fire, Derry, New Hampshire

At 03:37 hours Derry Engines 1,2,3 Ladder 4; Medic 1; and Car 1 were dispatched to 107 Chester Road for a reported building fire.

The family was home at the time and reported the fire by calling 911. The owner of the home was able to evacuate himself and his 3 children from the residence. The house was set back from the roadway, so no other 911 calls were received. Upon arrival initial crews observed heavy smoke and moderate amount of fire coming from the rear of the house. The owner met the arriving companies and informed them that everyone was out of the building.

The Derry Fire Department rapidly knocked down the exterior fire and deployed lines into the interior of the structure. Crews then encountered high heat, fire, and heavy smoke from the attic. The fire was rapidly progressing through these hidden void spaces. Crews had to use hand tools to open the walls and ceilings to expose the hidden fire and extinguish it.

Water supply was established by Derry E2. Due to the length of the driveway, 4" supply hose was laid from the fire attack engine (E1) out to the roadway. Tankers were called to the scene to supply water as part of the working fire assignment. They were filled at a hydrant at the corner of Pond Road and Chester Rd.

Thirty seven firefighters responded to this fire. Mutual Aid to the scene was provided by Londonderry and Windham Fire Departments. Mutual Aid Tankers were provided by: Auburn, Chester, Sandown, Candia, and Atkinson. Station coverage was provided by Pelham, Manchester, Hudson, and Salem Fire Departments. No other incidents occurred while this fire was happening.

The Derry Fire Department was staffed at 15 members when this fire was reported, so the department's tanker was not staffed. An off duty member responded from home to staff the department's tanker.

There were no civilian or firefighter injuries. The home is uninhabitable with extensive fire damage to the kitchen and a bedroom; smoke damage to the entire house and water damage throughout the building. Almost all the home's contents were damaged or destroyed. The house is occupied by an adult male and three children. The American Red Cross Disaster Services spoke to him and will be providing family services.

Incident #2020-3484 was dispatched at 03:36; Initial companies arrived at 0341. The fire was under control at 0420, and all Derry Fire units were secure and available at 0735. The fire is under investigation by the Derry Fire Prevention Bureau.

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