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For immediate release:

Building Fire Walmart 11 Ashleigh Drive Derry, New Hampshire

On May 17, 2022, at approximately 11:50 a.m. the Derry Fire Emergency Communications Division received a call from inside Walmart reporting an electrical fire.

11 Ashleigh Drive is a 305,667 square foot single story commercial structure located in a portion of Town with fire hydrants. At the time of this incident the store was in normal operation, occupied by staff and customers.

Derry Engine 1, Engine 2, Engine 4, Ladder 3, and Car 1 responded. Derry Medic 1 was transporting a patient from an unrelated incident. On-duty Director of Fire Prevention and Fire Investigator also responded on the initial assignment. Londonderry Fire responded an ambulance mutual aid to provide EMS standby.

Initial conditions on arrival of Derry Car 1 approximately 3 minutes after dispatch found the building to be occupied with a light smoke condition through the building. The fire alarm was ordered to be activated and Walmart staff assisted with an orderly evacuation.

Companies located a mostly extinguished electrical fire. Prior to arrival a bystander appropriately deployed a dry chemical fire extinguisher on the fire. A second dry chemical fire extinguisher was utilized by fire department personnel and a hose line was stretched to the appliance as a precaution. The smoke was evacuated with the use of high-pressure fans.

Derry Fire Prevention Bureau, assisted by Derry Building Inspector investigated the fire for cause and origin. At the time of the press release, the fire is not considered suspicious.

The incident number is 2022-2106 and units remained on scene at the time of this Press Release.

No civilians or firefighters were injured at this fire.

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