

P R E S S R E L E A S E

Type and Description of Incident / Fire:

The Derry Fire Communications Center received two 911 calls at 02:31 hours neighbors reporting a large building fire on Derryfield Road Derry, NH 03038. Derry Car 1, Engines 1, 2, 3, Truck 4 and Medic 1 were dispatched to that area. All Derry companies were in service and available to respond.

On arrival at 70L Derryfield Road companies found heavy fire involving 80% of the left side unit of a two family dwelling (duplex) extending into the right side unit. The fire extended to the outside sheathing of #66 Derryfield Road (an adjacent structure) and was quickly extinguished on arrival. A first alarm working fire assignment was struck. First arriving engine company advanced an attack line and made an aggressive transitional attack darkening down the fast moving fire in the left side unit. A second line was advanced into the right side unit where the advancement of the fire was slowed and eventually extinguished.

All occupants were reported to be out of the building. A primary and secondary search by fire personnel confirmed this report. Occupants of the right side unit reported that there were two cats still inside the building. Firefighters searched the building for the animals and rescued one of the cats. It is believed that the second cat may have made it out on its own. A male and female adult lived in 70L and two adult females lived in 70R. The American Red Cross is providing assistance to all four of the displaced residents.

Additional Derry companies assisted with command and control, search, ventilation, water supply, and the placement of backup lines.

Mutual Aid provided by Auburn, Londonderry, Chester, and Windham. Station Coverage provided by Manchester, Salem, Auburn, and Hampstead.

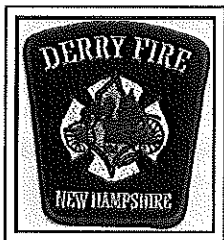
Damage To Property:

70 Derryfield road is considered a total loss. 66 Derryfield road sustained damage to the outside siding, trim, and sheathing.

Injuries To Fire and Non-Fire Personnel:

There were no civilian or fire service personnel injuries.

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Additional Remarks:

A preliminary investigation by the Derry Fire Departments Fire Investigation Bureau found that the cause of the fire appeared to be an unattended fire in a portable fire pit that extended into the deck and eventually into the building.

This is the third fire in Derry in recent weeks that started on the outside of the building and quickly moved into the structure. Residents are reminded that it is unsafe to use portable fire pits or chiminias on decks, that all smoking material needs to be properly disposed of and not tossed off of decks (where it could catch dry leaves and grass on fire), and that hot ashes should never be left on a deck.

Attachments:

Image A Captain Scott Jackson

Image B Lieutenant Laro and Firefighter Smith

Image C Lieutenant Hoffman

Image D Lieutenant Bump

Incident #	2016-002518	Time of Alarm	02:31
Date of Incident:	07/04/2016	Time "Under Control"	03:41
Incident Address:	70 Derryfield Road	Recall of Alarm	06:16

Signature of Fire Officer:

Fire Officer Submitting Release: Battalion Chief James Richardson Date: 07/04/2016

Chief of Department – Michael J. Gagnon

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