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**For immediate release:**

### **Tractor-trailer Truck Fire, Derry New Hampshire**

At 11:56 hours Derry Engines 3, 1, and 2; Truck 4, and Car 1 were dispatched to Aldi's loading dock, 30 Manchester Road for a tractor-trailer truck on fire with exposure to the building. Responding crews observed a large plume of dark black smoke from the area of 30 Manchester Road. Engine 3 had just cleared a nearby medical call and arrived on scene with-in a minute of the dispatch.

Upon arrival crews observed a Garelick Farms refrigerated box truck with a fully involved tractor fire that was extending into the trailer. The truck was parked in the loading dock and the building was exposed to both fire and smoke. The truck driver stated that he observed fire and smoke from the refrigerator module of the trailer, he unsuccessfully attempted to put out the fire with a fire extinguisher and then called 911.

Derry Fire crews used multiple hose lines to extinguish the fire. Crews activated the fire alarm and evacuated 30 Manchester Road (Aldi Supermarket, Monkey Sports and Ocean State Job Lots), and evaluated conditions inside Aldi. The loading dock door had been closed and this significantly limited the amount of smoke that entered the building. The fire extended into the trailer and crews accessed the trailer from a side door and easily extinguished that fire. The trailer contained only milk.

Once the fire was extinguished crews discovered that the intense heat had melted the top of off a fuel tank. No significant fuel leaks were discovered but as a precaution a hazmat spill trailer was called to the scene and absorbant pads were used to contain any potential spills. The fuel was pumped out of the tank by Duval's Towing.

The Derry Building Inspector, Health Department, and Derry Fire Crews metered and evaluated Aldi supermarket and determined that there were no health hazards or damage to the food. All business were allowed to re-open.

### **Damage To Property:**

The tractor was destroyed by the fire, the trailer received significant external damage and moderate internal damage from the fire. All the dairy products in the trailer were condemned. The building received cosmetic damage from heat and smoke.

### **Injuries To Fire and Non-Fire Personnel:**

There were no injuries.

### **Additional Remarks:**

Off-duty personnel were recalled to their stations while Manchester, Auburn, Hampstead and Salem Fire Departments provided station coverage. During the incident Auburn and Derry Medic 1 responded for a medical emergency in Derry.

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**Photo Captions** (All photos courtesy of Paul McCallum):

DFD 4058 #1: Fire damage to the tractor

DFD 4058#2: Crews evaluating the inside of the trailer.

Incident #	2016-4058	Time of Alarm	11:57
Date of Incident:	01 November 2016	Time "Under Control"	12:19
Incident Address:	30 Manchester Road, Derry	Recall of Alarm	14:41

Fire Officer Submitting Release: *Battalion Chief Jack Webb* Date: *01 Nov. 2016*

Signature of Fire Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

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