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For immediate release:

Building Fire 49 Berry Road Derry, New Hampshire

On May 15, 2021, the Derry Fire Emergency Communications Center received a call from an occupant at 49 Berry Road reporting her residence was on fire and she was trapped.

49 Berry Road is a single family 1 story wood frame residence with a walkout basement built in 1969 located in a portion of Town without hydrants. At the time of this incident the home was occupied by at least two adults.

When the call was initially received, all staffed Derry suppression units were operating or responding to a smoke condition at a separate multiple family dwelling across town. Based on the credible information Derry Fire Alarm Communications Center dispatched a Working Fire Assignment to 49 Berry Road. The initial response to 49 Berry Road consisted of Derry Engine 2 (diverted from another call), a Londonderry Ladder, Medic Unit and Battalion Chief, Windham Engine and Assistant Chief, Chester Tanker, Auburn Tanker, Hampstead Tanker, and a Pelham Engine.

Shortly after Derry units were released from the previous incident and responded to Berry Road. While units were responding, Derry Fire Alarm Communications Center received multiple additional E911 calls including from an occupant who reported she was trapped in the first-floor bathroom.

Derry Engine 2 arrived on scene approximately 5 minutes after being dispatched, immediately followed by Derry Ladder 4 and Derry Battalion Chief.

Initial conditions included heavy fire on the front and the side of the structure. An aggressive interior attack was initiated in attempt to suppress the fire. Search for potential life hazards as additional members performed an exterior transitional attack. During the initial stages of the fire crews assisted by Derry Police assisted with the removal of two victims.

Londonderry, Windham, Chester, Auburn, and Pelham aided at the scene. Stations were covered by the Hudson, Salem, Manchester and Hampstead Fire Departments.

A staffing recall was requested to provide assistance in the Communications Center and station coverage. Derry PD assisted with traffic. Derry CERT provided on-scene rehabilitation. The American Red Cross was contacted to aid the individuals living in the residence.

The cause of the fire is being investigated for cause and origin by the Derry Fire Prevention Bureau.

The Incident number is 2021-1612 and units remained on scene at the time of this Press Release.

Both civilians were evaluated at the scene and refused transport. Two Derry Police Officers were evaluated at Parkland Medical Center for minor smoke inhalation and were released. No firefighters were injured at this fire.

During this incident Derry Fire Communications Center dispatched multiple other incidents in Derry.

Fire Officer Submitting Release: Battalion Chief Shawn M. Haggart

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