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For immediate release:

Deck Collapse with Injury 2 Germantown Road Derry, New Hampshire

On March 27, 2021 at 12:17 p.m. the Derry Fire Emergency Communications Division received a call reporting that a deck under construction had collapsed and one person was injured.

Derry Ladder 4, Medic 2 and Car 1 responded.

On arrival a single patient was located on top of a collapsed deck. The patient was assessed and found to have non-life threatening injuries. Medical treatment was initiated, and the patient was removed from the debris and transported to a local hospital.

The remaining portion of the original deck was found to be unstable and cantilevering and would require shoring to prevent further collapse. Derry Engine 1, Rescue 1 and the Heavy Rescue Trailer responded to assist with shoring and stabilization. Crews were able to construct a two-post vertical shore.

Initial responders were assisted by the Derry Police Department and Derry Fire Prevention Bureau who consulted with Derry Code Enforcement. Due to other ongoing emergency incidents, a staffing recall was conducted to bring in off duty members.

The Derry Fire Department has heavy rescue equipment, which was originally purchased through Homeland Security Grants and Capital Budgeting. This equipment is designed to support building collapse and trench rescues. Crews receive regular training on shoring operations, trench rescue, and many have attended FEMA Rescue Systems I & II training.

The Incident Number is 2021-1003 and the last unit cleared at 14:39.

Fire Officer Submitting Release: Battalion Chief Shawn M. Haggart

Date: 03/27/2021

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