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For immediate release:

Building Fire 18 Gordon Rd, Derry, New Hampshire

On January 15, 2021 at 06:27am the Derry Fire Emergency Communications Division received a single E 9-1-1 call from a resident of Gordon Rd that a house across the street from him was on fire. The neighbor then alerted the occupants and began to attempt to extinguish the fire with a garden hose.

Derry Engine 1, Medic 1, Car 1, Ladder 4, Engine 3, Engine 2 and Windham Fire Engine 1 all responded from their Stations. A Derry Police Officer arrived first and reported approximately 50% of the residence was involved. Based on the Officers report and due to the location of the residence being outside the hydrant district, a Working Fire Assignment was requested bringing additional firefighters and mutual aid tankers.

First arriving companies arrived in 8 minutes to find fire on the outside of the residence extending up an exterior wall. Crews went to work to extinguish the fire on the outside of the building. Next arriving companies performed a search of the building for life hazards and fire extension. The mutual aid Tankers were returned to service quickly once the fire had been knocked down.

The cause of the fire is not suspicious and is being investigated for cause and origin by the Derry Fire Prevention Bureau. The American Red Cross was contacted to provide assistance to the two adults living in the residence.

The neighbor is being credited with early alerting of the fire department and ensuring the occupants safe evacuation.

The Londonderry Fire Department provided EMS coverage on the scene. Stations were covered by the Manchester, Salem, Hudson and Pelham Fire Departments. A staffing recall was requested to provide assistance in the Communications Center and station coverage. Derry PD assisted with traffic.

The Incident number is 2021-0175 and the last units cleared at 09:00am after assisting the Fire Prevention Division.

There were no civilian or Fire Department injuries.

Fire Officer Submitting Release: Battalion Chief Robert Atwater

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