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## Falmouth Fire-EMS Responds to House Fire on Lowell Farm Road

At 3:13 a.m. the Falmouth Fire-EMS Department responded to a house fire at 40 Lowell Farm Road in Falmouth. The family was awoken by the sound of smoke detectors and able to evacuate the house along with a dog. The 2-alarm fire brought crews from Falmouth, Windham, Westbrook and Cumberland in the -6 degree temperatures to fight the fire. The house was converted from a camp in the 1970's to a year-round residence and was located on the bank of Highland Lake. A 3,000 foot water supply line was laid from the house back to a fire hydrant just over the Westbrook border on Mast Road to bring water to the scene. Crews battled the blaze and the cold temperatures by rotating in crews from the fire scene to the department's heavy rescue apparatus to stay warm.

The Maine State Fire Marshal's office was called to the scene to assist in finding the cause of the fire, which appears to have started near the chimney. The house was a total loss. There were no injuries on scene and the Red Cross was contacted to assist the family.

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