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**Falmouth Fire-EMS Responds to 2-Alarm House Fire on Pleasant Hill Road**

On Sunday July 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:23 a.m. Falmouth Fire-EMS Department along with Portland Ladder 4 responded to a report of a possible house fire on 56 Pleasant Hill Road in Falmouth. A passerby driving down Pleasant Hill Road noticed smoke coming from the roof of the building and called 9-1-1. He and a neighbor then were able to alert and evacuate the three sleeping residents from the home just as the smoke started to fill the residence.

Portland Ladder 4 arrived within 5 minutes of the initial call, found smoke and flames coming from the roof, and immediately transmitted a 2<sup>nd</sup> alarm. Falmouth units arrived minutes later and assisted the Portland crews with extinguishing the fire. There had been several building additions including multiple roof additions done to the home over the past several years which made getting to the fire difficult.

The house did sustain major fire and smoke damage especially to the ceiling and attic areas. One cat was rescued from the home but one other is still unaccounted for. In addition to all of the Falmouth Fire-EMS apparatus, Portland Ladder 4, Portland Engine 11, and Cumberland Rescue 103 responded to the scene while Yarmouth and Cumberland Engines covered the Falmouth stations.

The Maine State Fire Marshal's office was called to the scene to assist in finding the cause of the fire, which is believed to be accidental. Pleasant Hill Road was closed for the duration of the fire.

End of release.

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