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Falmouth Fire-EMS Responds to Brush Fire

On Tuesday, April 17th at 2:26 p.m. the Falmouth Fire-EMS Department responded to a report of smoke in the area of Field Road near the railroad tracks. Crews arrived on scene to find smoke coming from a brush fire that was over 300 yards from the Field Road intersection. Crews used a fire department pickup to bring firefighters along the tracks to attack the fire with portable backpacks and hand tools while other crews were called to the scene to search for a second means of access to the fire. The railroad was called and all rail traffic through the area was stopped. Once the initial crews arrived at the fire, they found a fire spreading along the side of the tracks and headed up a hill towards the back of a residence on Field Road. The next arriving crews responded to the residence and pulled 450 feet of hose line to stop the spread of the fire up the bank toward the house. The fire was stopped approximately 300 feet from the residence. All Falmouth stations responded with 3 engines and a tanker and provided the crews necessary to surround the fire with a fire line, douse the flames, and put out hot spots. There were 22 Falmouth firefighters working on scene. The area burned was approximately ½ to ¾ of an acre. A neighbor reported hearing a train pass through the area just before noticing the smoke.

The Cumberland Fire Department covered the Falmouth Central Station during the incident. There were no injuries and the railroad tracks were opened back up around 4:20 p.m. when the Falmouth crews left the scene.

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