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Falmouth Fire-EMS Responds to House Fire on Hurricane Road

On Thursday morning at 02:28 a.m. the Falmouth Fire-EMS Department was notified of a house on fire at 85 Hurricane Road by a public works employee who was plowing Hurricane Road. The first firefighter arrived in under 2 minutes to find the farm house and attached 4-bay garage completely involved with fire and a 3rd alarm was stuck bringing in several surrounding towns with apparatus and manpower. Due to the rural nature of the fire and having no fire hydrants nearby, tankers were brought in from Windham, Gray, North Yarmouth, Freeport, and Cumberland to assist the Falmouth tanker with shuttling water from a dry hydrant approximately 1 mile away from the scene on Trolley Farm Way. A 2nd water source was established at a hydrant in Cumberland. Approximately 36,000 gallons of water was trucked in to the scene by the tankers from the two water sources. A large barn was only 20-feet away from the burning home and garage so the first crews to arrive focused their efforts on keeping the fire from spreading. Firefighters used multiple large hand lines to protect the barn and were assisted by a large snow bank that had been piled up between the two buildings. The crews were successful in keeping the barn from burning. Two horses that were in the barn were not injured, although two cats that were in the house are unaccounted for at this time.

Fire crews battled deep snow in pulling hose lines across the yard to the fire building from the apparatus. At one point, a ladder truck from Portland was set up to pour water on the fire from above the building.

Due to the severity of the fire, the Maine State Fire Marshall's Office was called in to assist Falmouth Fire-EMS with determining the cause of the fire. It is undetermined at this time. The building was unoccupied at the time of the fire. There were no injuries to the firefighters on scene. Falmouth Fire-EMS wishes to thank the resident that had the dry hydrant at Trolley Farm Way plowed out, which saved the crews much time in accessing the needed water.

Hurricane Road was closed for several hours while crews battled the blaze.

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