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Falmouth Fire-EMS Responds to House Fire on Brookside Drive

On Sunday afternoon at 4:45 p.m. the Falmouth Fire-EMS Department was called to a report of a house on fire at 12 Brookside Drive in Falmouth. Fire Chief Howard Rice, Jr. was the first to arrive and found heavy smoke and fire coming from the attic and garage areas of the house. An additional alarm was struck bringing all Falmouth Fire apparatus to the scene along with station coverage. Due to the location of the fire, Westbrook Engine 3 responded on the initial alarm along with the Falmouth crews. Westbrook Engine 3 arrived just after the Falmouth Fire Chief and immediately pulled a hose line into the garage. Falmouth Engine 4 arrived moments later and crews brought a hose line into the house. Both crews extinguished the fire in the garage and in the attic. A hose line was then brought around the back of the house to put out the remaining fire. The other Falmouth units arrived and assisted the first crews with making sure the fire was out completely in all areas of the home. Crews also were able to use tarps to perform salvage operations and protect belongings from water damage. At one point a water chute was constructed to direct water that was used to extinguish the fire in the attic from damaging the floors below. Central Maine Power arrived and secured power to the house.

The house sustained extensive damage from the fire which appears to have been caused by a grill that was being used behind the residence.

Fire crews from Cumberland and Yarmouth covered the Falmouth fire stations during the fire. One firefighter was transported from the scene for observation at the hospital. The firefighter has since been treated and released from the hospital.

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