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Falmouth Fire-EMS Responds to House Fire on Stagecoach Road

On Saturday morning at 12:01 a.m. the Falmouth Fire-EMS Department was called to a report of a fire on Stagecoach Road in Falmouth. The fire was called in by a passerby. Captain Jamie Garland was the first to arrive to find fire showing from the front corner of a single family residence. Captain Garland immediately upgraded the call to a Working Fire which brought all Falmouth units to the scene in addition to a ladder truck from Portland and tankers from North Yarmouth, Cumberland, and Windham. The house was at the top of a private driveway in a rural area of town approximately 750 feet up a steep hill from Blackstrap Road. The first fire apparatus to arrive dropped a hose line at the bottom of the hill and laid a supply line all the way up to the house. Next arriving units set up a water supply site at the bottom of the hill on Blackstrap Road and water was shuttled from a hydrant on Brook Road and pumped up the private drive to the scene. With a car in the driveway and not knowing if any one was home, crews searched the residence for any occupants. A dog and cat were found in the residence and removed by the firefighters. Both animals survived. The homeowners arrived later after being called by a neighbor.

Chief Rice struck a 2nd alarm at 12:23 a.m. which brought in additional engines and personnel to the scene from Cumberland and Westbrook as well as tankers from Gray, Freeport and New Gloucester. The fire is believed to have started near a wood burning fire place and caused heavy damage to the residence. A nearby garage only 5 feet away was saved from damage from the fire. Twenty-six Falmouth firefighters responded to the call in addition to twenty-four firefighters from surrounding towns.

Additional crews from Portland and North Yarmouth covered the Falmouth fire stations during the fire. There were no injuries on scene. Central Maine Power, Falmouth Public Works and Falmouth Police assisted crews on scene. The temperature at the time of the call was 8 degrees F.

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