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**Falmouth Fire-EMS Responds to Fire in House on Landing Woods Lane**

On Thursday at 11:01 a.m. Falmouth Fire-EMS was dispatched to a report of a fire inside a house at 3 Landing Woods Lane. Fire Chief Howard Rice and Falmouth Engine 2 both arrived on scene 5 minutes later to find nothing showing from the outside of the 3-story residence. Chief Rice established command of the incident and Engine 2 was assigned to investigate the home. The investigation group encountered occupants evacuating and reporting a fire in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor hallway of the 3-story home. The crew from Engine 2 encountered small fire in a hallway ceiling near a recessed light. The fire was knocked down with a dry chemical fire extinguisher. The crew then used hand tools to open up the area to check for fire extension. The fire had spread across the ceiling and had started to enter a bathroom on one side. The small extension of fire through the hallway ceiling was then extinguished with a water can. Command advised dispatch that the fire was knocked down at 11:12 am, just 11 minutes after the initial tones and 6 minutes after crews arrived on scene.

Falmouth Ambulance 2 arrived on scene and staged on Landing Woods Lane.

Falmouth Tank 4 and Tower 2 arrived on scene at 11:13 a.m. The crew from Tank 4 entered the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the house to check for any fire extension into the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor area directly above the fire. Tower 2's crew assisted the initial crew on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in removing burned debris that was pulled from the ceiling. Once all of the burned materials were removed from the building and no fire extension was found on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, the Tower 2 crew ran a positive pressure ventilation fan to push fresh air into the building and remove the smoke. When the smoke was cleared, the building was metered to confirm no carbon monoxide was present. Once the area was cleaned up and metered, the homeowners were brought back in and showed the area where the fire was.

The fire scene was deemed under control at 11:25 a.m. Four minutes later, an EMS call came in off Foreside Road and Ambulance 2 was sent from the scene to the EMS call. Engine 1 responded to the EMS call with Ambulance 2.

An engine company from Cumberland covered Central Station on Bucknam Road while the Falmouth crews were committed at the fire scene. Falmouth Police assisted the fire crews on scene. By noon all Falmouth units cleared the scene and returned to quarters.

There were no injuries on scene.

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