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The Claremont Fire Department responded to a reported fire at 28 High Street at 3:03 PM, marking the second structure fire within 24 hours for the department.

Initial response, included Engine 3, Car 2, Car 1, and Ladder 2. First arriving companies were on the scene at 3:05 PM to find a working fire on the backside, second-floor porch. Fire crews extended a 1 3/4 handline up the exterior stairs, commencing extinguishment operations.

Additional information found that a handicapped occupant was still inside on the second floor. Efforts between Golden Cross Ambulance personnel, alongside Police and Fire personnel, successfully extricated the individual down the interior stairs to safety.

While fire personnel were successful in extinguishing the fire, the interior apartment did sustain damage, rendering it uninhabitable. The Claremont Fire Department worked closely with the building department to assess the situation, concluding that occupants could not return. Fire officials contacted the American Red Cross, and they have been in contact with the occupants.

The cause of the fire was determined to be due to improper disposal of smoking materials, highlighting the importance of fire safety practices when discarding such items.

The Claremont Fire Department would like to thank the Claremont Police Department, Golden Cross Ambulance, the Building Department, Animal Control personnel, and all involved parties for their support and assistance throughout the incident.

Submitted by,

Chief Chamberlain