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*****PRESS RELEASE*****

On Saturday, July 20th at 2306, the Claremont Fire Department was dispatched to a reported Structure Fire at 98 Roberts Hill Rd. A first alarm was struck while enroute, calling all Claremont personnel to the scene. Engine 3 arrived on the scene at 2314. Engine 4 and Ladder 1 established water supply, extending the hydrant district reach with large diameter hose.

Upon arrival, the crew discovered a single-story home with the roof self-vented and fully involved. Crews extinguished the fire with three 1 3/4-inch hand lines. There was smoke and water damage throughout the building.

The fire was declared under control at 0016 hours.

The occupants successfully evacuated the home, one cat was rescued, and one cat perished. No civilian injuries were reported.

The cause of the fire was determined to be improperly disposed of smoking material. A plastic planter caught fire which spread to the exterior siding, then through the soffit, into the attic.

Golden Cross Ambulance remained on scene until the fire was under control. Eversource arrived to de-energize the service line that fell from the house. The Red Cross was also called to the scene.

Ascutney and Newport Fire Departments assisted at the scene. Windsor and Unity Fire Departments provided station coverage.

The call number of the incident is 24-0709

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Rapp", is written over the typed name.

Brian Rapp
Deputy Chief