

Claremont Fire Department

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At 4:47 AM, the Claremont Fire Department responded to radio box 0018, Stan's Homestead Industries, located at 247 Sullivan Street. Engine 3 and Ladder 2 arrived on the scene to find smoke visible from the front right corner of the building. C-1 also responded and initiated a recall for all Claremont Fire Personnel.

Initial crews stretched an 1¾ handline and entered the building. Given the size of the building, the incident was bumped to a full first alarm assignment, bringing mutual aid from Windsor, VT, and Newport, NH. Interior crews discovered an activated sprinkler head and an active fire in the affected area. The fire was quickly extinguished with the handline.

The scene was declared under control at 5:53 AM, and the investigation is currently active.

This incident highlights the importance and effectiveness of working sprinkler systems. Thanks to the sprinkler activation, the fire was confined to the room of origin, resulting in only minor damage to the contents.

I want to commend the initial crews for their exceptional work in handling one of the largest and most challenging buildings in our city. The citizens of Claremont can take pride in their efforts and the effective mitigation tactics they displayed.

There are no reported injuries from this incident.

James Chamberlain Chief of Department