



Claremont Fire Department

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PRESS RELEASE

At 2130 hours on February 13, 2026, the Claremont Fire Department was dispatched to a reported structure fire at 147 Main Street. C1, Engine 3, and Ladder 2 responded. While enroute, the initial company reported a working fire and requested a first alarm assignment, Box 100.

Crews arrived on scene at 2132 hours and found heavy fire showing from the second floor of a four-story multifamily residential building. Firefighters deployed an 1 ¾ attack line and made entry. An aggressive interior fire attack was initiated, and crews were able to quickly knock down the main body of fire.

Additional crews conducted primary and secondary searches throughout the building and successfully rescued several pets. Fire had extended into the attic space, requiring further suppression efforts to fully extinguish the extension. The fire was brought under control at 2155 hours.

The Claremont Fire Department was assisted at the scene by Windsor, Vt Fire Department, Newport Fire Department, and station coverage from Unity Fire Department and Weathersfield, Vt. Fire Department. Additional assistance was provided by Golden Cross Ambulance, which treated one occupant for minor injuries, as well as the Claremont Police Department, the Department of Public Works, and the local building inspector.

Due to significant fire and water damage, the building was deemed unsafe for occupancy. Fire officials worked with the American Red Cross to provide assistance to approximately ten displaced residents.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation, with the New Hampshire State Fire Marshal's Office leading the investigation.

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