



Claremont Fire Department

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PRESS RELEASE

At approximately 4:30 a.m. on April 30, 2026, the Claremont Fire Department was dispatched to a reported structure fire in the area of Case Hill Road. While enroute, crews received updated information confirming the fire was located at 8 Stewart Avenue.

Fire units arrived on scene at 4:37 a.m. and encountered heavy fire showing from a single-story, wood-frame residence. Crews initiated an interior attack and were able to conduct a search on the north side of the structure; however, further access was limited due to structural collapse. As conditions deteriorated, command made the decision to transition to a defensive operation.

The fire was brought under control at approximately 5:30 a.m. During operations, firefighters located one deceased individual inside the residence. The identity of the individual, as well as the cause of death, is being withheld pending autopsy results. The Claremont Fire Department is actively working in coordination with the New Hampshire State Fire Marshal's Office. At this time, the fire does not appear to be suspicious in nature. Any additional inquiries should be directed to the State Fire Marshal's Office.

The Claremont Fire Department would like to remind all residents of the critical importance of having working smoke detectors in their homes. Anyone in need of smoke detectors is encouraged to contact the department for assistance.

There were no injuries reported among fire personnel. Mutual aid and support were provided by the Claremont Police Department, Golden Cross Ambulance, the Windsor (VT) Fire Department, the Weathersfield (VT) Fire Department, and the Unity Fire Department.

At the time of this release, crews remain on scene extinguishing hot spots and conducting overhaul operations.

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