



Claremont Fire Department

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PRESS RELEASE

At approximately 10:56 p.m. on May 20, 2026, the Claremont Fire Department responded to the area of Byrd Avenue for a reported brush fire. Initial response units included Brush 1, Engine 4, and C-1, with Brush 1 arriving on scene at approximately 11:01 p.m.

Upon arrival, crews conducted an initial size-up and discovered a large brush fire burning on the opposite side of the railroad tracks. Due to access challenges, responding personnel repositioned operations to Industrial Boulevard to establish fire attack operations. As conditions escalated, a first alarm assignment was requested, followed shortly thereafter by a second alarm assignment to bring in additional resources.

Fire crews worked for several hours to contain and control the fire, which ultimately burned an estimated 2–3 acres. At the time of this release, personnel remain on scene conducting overhaul operations and checking for remaining hot spots to ensure complete extinguishment.

The fire is currently considered suspicious in nature. Anyone with information related to this incident is asked to contact Lieutenant William Hardy at the Claremont Fire Department at (603) 542-5156.

The Claremont Fire Department was assisted on scene by Weatherfield Fire (VT), Windsor Fire (VT), Charlestown Fire, Cornish Fire, Unity Fire, Golden Cross Ambulance, and Lempster Fire. Station coverage during the incident was provided by Plainfield Fire and Springfield Fire (VT).

Fire officials are continuing to work closely with the State Forestry Division and the Claremont Police Department as the investigation remains ongoing.

James Chamberlain
Chief of Department