Claremont Fire Department

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PRESS RELEASE

On November 18th, at approximately 5:27 PM, the Claremont Fire Department was dispatched to 255 Whitewater Reservoir Road for a reported brush fire. C-1, Engine 4, and Brush 1 responded.

Upon arrival, the first arriving unit confirmed an active brush fire measuring approximately 180 feet by 90 feet. Due to the size of the fire and the potential for further extension up the hillside, a first alarm assignment was requested, bringing additional personnel and equipment to the scene.

Crews worked to contain the fire and prevent it from spreading further up the hillside. The fire was declared under control at 6:19 PM. Firefighters remained on scene conducting extensive overhaul operations, and a crew will remain in the area into the evening hours to monitor for and extinguish any remaining hot spots.

The Claremont Fire Department was assisted by mutual aid companies from Cornish, Newport, Charlestown, Unity, and Lempster, NH, as well as Weathersfield and Windsor, VT.

The cause of the fire was determined to be hot embers from a previously discarded ash bucket.

The Claremont Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to remind residents of the dangers associated with improperly discarded wood stove ashes. Embers can remain hot for several hours and, in some cases, even days after being removed from a wood stove. Ashes should always be placed in a covered metal container, kept away from combustible materials, and thoroughly cooled before final disposal. Adding water to the ashes is an additional precaution to help ensure any remaining embers are extinguished.

No injuries were reported.