

BROOME COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

BROOME COUNTY, NEW YORK

FIREFIGHTERS RESCUE DOG FROM BINGHAMTON HOUSE FIRE

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First arriving units work to make entry into the structure

Just before 14:30 hours on Thursday March 29th the City of Binghamton Fire Department was dispatched to alarm number 12-02117 for a report of a house fire at 14 Livingston Street. While units were enroute County Communications advised that a caller was stating that there were animals inside the residence. Car 21 then advised that he could see smoke showing from the State Street Bridge.

Upon arrival units found heavy smoke showing from a two and a half story, two family, wood frame home. Before crews made entry, fire also began to show from the B side of the structure. Car 21 was able to determine that all residents that were home at the time of the fire had been able to escape.

Firefighters were quickly able to rescue one dog from the residence and began efforts to keep the dog alive. Crews also stretched several hand lines into the structure and began knocking down the fire. With heavy smoke showing from all 4 sides of the structure and fire melting siding on the house at 16 Livingston Street, Car 21 made the decision to request the second alarm.



The second alarm brought in the last of the 6 staffed apparatus in the city and began the call in process to staff the spare tower ladder with three off duty personnel. This also placed on standby Johnson City, Five Mile Point, Port Dickinson, and Vestal Fire Departments. Superior Ambulance and Binghamton Police also assisted at the scene. Crews worked on scene for several hours to control and overhaul the fire.

All mutual aid companies were released by command by 17:00 hours. All companies on scene were clear from the scene by 18:00 hours. Red Cross was on scene assisting residents of the structure. The dog was taken to a local veterinarian office for further treatment. The Binghamton Fire Department Fire Marshals office is investigating the cause of the fire.

Fire showing from side B as Engine 21-1 arrives on the scene.



Firefighters stretch hose lines into side A of the structure.



Firefighters establish a water supply.



Two Binghamton firefighters/paramedics work on scene to keep the rescued dog alive.



Heavy smoke is showing while a firefighter works to horizontally ventilate the structure.



Crews work to protect the exposure while command staff discusses strategy.



Crews work to protect the exposure building.