

FIREFIGHTERS AND NEIGHBORS MAKE MULTIPLE RESCUES IN ENDICOTT

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Just after 0800 hours on the morning of May 11th, 2021 Broome Communications dispatched the Endicott Fire Department to 103 Parsons Ave for a reported house fire with possible entrapment. From the time units left the station a large column of black smoke could be seen and a 2nd alarm was requested. Quint 25 and Squad 25 arrived to find a 2.5 story wood frame multiple family house with heavy fire on the bravo side.

Crews immediately went to work stretching lines and beginning searches of the structure. Neighbors had reported they had rescued multiple residents off the porch roof with another resident having jumped from the fire escape. An additional resident was still unaccounted for. Firefighters were able to locate this resident still in their bedroom on the 2nd floor and removed them to safety. Multiple patients were transported from the scene but no life threatening injuries were reported. With initial FAST team crews arriving early and being put to work to assist in suppression and search an additional FAST team was called to the scene.



Photo provided- "A" side of structure just as crews begin fire attack.



Photo provided- "C" side of structure as crews make entry from "A" side.

Although the main body of fire was knocked down fairly early, crews continued to work for several hours chasing fire through the balloon frame construction. Eventually dormers on the third floor collapsed revealing pockets of fire that had been concealed under multiple layers of roofing material. Access to the 2nd floor of the original fire apartment was difficult due to the stairwell in that apartment having burnt completely through. A hole had to be made from the other apartment to gain access to that area. All units were clear of the scene at 12:24 hours but returned several times to confirm there were no left over hot spots.

Departments that responded or that were placed on standby included Endicott Fire (25) on and off duty personnel, West Corners Fire (29), Endwell Fire (31), Vestal Fire (32), Union Center Fire (53), West Endicott Fire (34), Five Mile Point Fire (59), Union Ambulance (79), Endicott Police, New York State Police, Broome County Fire Coordinators, and Broome County Fire Investigators. The cause of the fire is under investigation at this time.



Photo provided- "A/B" Corner where the porch and fire escape that neighbors rescues occupants from are located.



Photo provided- Stubborn pockets of fire still take hold in sections of the roof and dormers.