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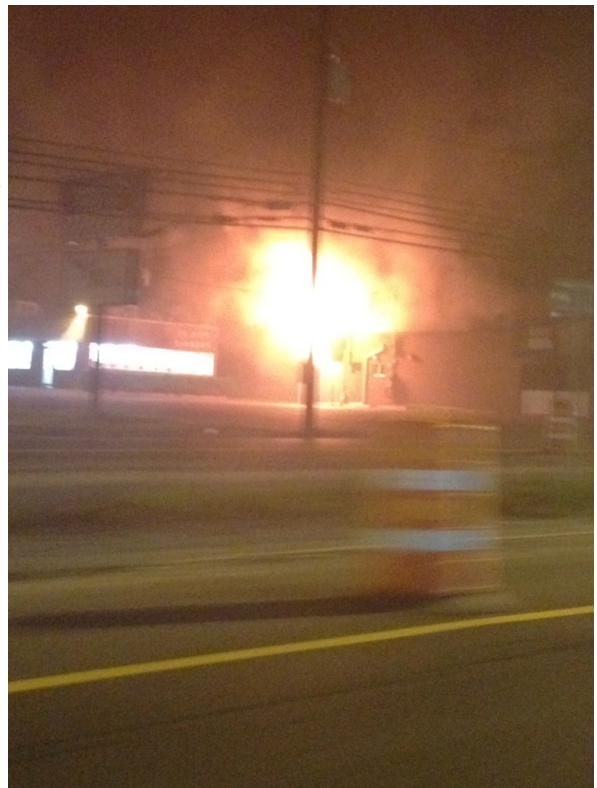
VESTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDS TO FIRE AT LOCAL PIZZA PLACE

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Shortly after 2200 hours on the evening of Monday, May 28, 2012, Broome Communications dispatched the Vestal Fire Department to the corner of Vestal Parkway East and Martha Road for a reported building fire. As Chiefs went enroute county advised that they were taking multiple calls and reports were coming in of possibly multiple buildings involved. The first chief on scene confirmed that they had a working building fire in the rear of Nirchi's Pizza. A second alarm was requested which brought all four stations out of Vestal Fire, brought a FAST team from Endicott Fire, and placed an engine out of Endwell Fire on standby in Vestal Station 4.

Arriving crews immediately began an aggressive attack first with lines to the rear of the building where the bulk of the fire was. After knocking down the exterior fire, handlines were stretched inside the building to extinguish any fire that had extended to the interior. Shortly after Vestal placed their tower in service to extinguish some fire that had extended into the roof area of the building. Although the main body of fire had been



Fire in the rear of Nirchi's prior to Fire Department arrival.



Fire can be seen on the roof shortly after the main body of fire had been knocked down

knocked down within a short time of arrival, overhaul operations continued for an extended period of time.

The bulk of the fire was concentrated around an area in the rear of the building where several large dumpsters were stored. The nearby Laundromat behind Nirchi's that was initially thought to also be on fire, escaped any significant damage.