

Apartment Fire With Entrapment in the Town of Chenango

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Just before 5AM on the morning of Sunday, September 1, 2013, Broome County Communications dispatched the Chenango Fire Department for a reported building fire at 1009 Castle Creek Road (NYS Rt 11). Dispatch had confirmation from a firefighter that lived next door that it was a working fire and that there were residents trapped inside their apartments. The second alarm was requested almost immediately as working building fire with confirmed entrapment for tankers, manpower, and a FAST team.



Fire Damage on Side A of the apartment building.

Chenango crews, along with neighbors and police were quickly able to extricate several residents from their apartments, some out windows and down ladders. With heavy fire showing from the basement apartment living room window and from the front main entrance door, hose lines were advanced to knock down the main body of fire. Command was able to confirm that all residents had been rescued and that progress was being made on the fire.

tankers were used for water supply and engine crews were utilized to relieve interior personnel. FAST was established as well as water supply at Chenango Station 2. Suppression operations continued for a duration until command could determine that operations could be switched to overhaul. Overhaul operations continued for several hours until it was clear the fire had been completely extinguished.

Chenango Ambulance and Broome Ambulance transported several residents to area hospitals with smoke inhalation and related injuries. Broome County Sheriffs Department assisted on scene and NYS DOT assisted with closing the road. Fire Departments assisting on scene included Chenango, Chenango Bridge, Choconut Center, Whitney Point, and Port Dickinson as FAST.



Firefighters continue overhaul as Chenango's Quint is positioned to the roof.



Several other departments were dispatched for standby while crews were tied up on scene. Later in the incident extra manpower was requested from Endwell, Hillcrest, and Prospect Terrace to assist with finishing overhaul and clean up equipment. No injuries were reported on scene and all companies were in service by around noon.

Tankers lined up waiting to supply water.



Apparatus lined up out front the fire building.