



## **MERRIMACK FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **For Immediate Release**

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#### **Merrimack Firefighters Fight Brush Fire**

Shortly after 3pm on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, Merrimack Fire Rescue Engine 2 was dispatched to 6 Bates Road for a brush fire. Upon approaching the scene in Engine 2, Lieutenant Daniel Newman observed a large column of smoke and requested Engine 1 and Forestry 1 to respond. Engine 2 arrived on scene to find an area slightly less than one acre burning behind numbers 4 and 6 Bates Road. Firefighters on Engine 2 quickly stretched several hundred feet of hose to reach and attack the fire. Ladder 1 also arrived on the scene shortly after Engine 2 and established a water supply from the hydrant on Bates Road. Although not normally dispatched to brush fires, Ladder 1 was in the area and able to respond quickly. Additional personnel from Engine 1, Forestry 1 and Forestry 3 arrived shortly to assist.

Quick and aggressive work by all personnel on scene prevented the fire from spreading further or damaging any nearby structures. In total, twelve Merrimack Fire rescue personnel worked at the scene. Additional Merrimack personnel responded to Station 1 to cover the Town for any additional emergency calls. Merrimack Firefighters fully extinguished the fire and cleared the scene at approximately 4:35pm. The cause of the fire was determined to be accidental.

Merrimack Fire Rescue wishes to remind everyone that burning permits are required for all outside fires; such as camp fires, brush piles, cooking fires etc. For more details on fire permits visit <https://nhdflweb.sovsportsnet.net/> or call Merrimack Fire Rescue at 424-3690.



**Captain Jason Marsella surveys the burned area.**



**Merrimack Firefighters complete extinguishment of the fire.**