



MERRIMACK FIRE RESCUE

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Merrimack Fire Rescue responds to second house fire in 2 days.

On Tuesday November 24, 2020 at 12:35 PM Merrimack Fire Rescue was dispatched to 1 Quails Way in the Ravencroft Condominium Community for a reported structure fire called in by a neighbor. Merrimack Engines 1 and 2, Ladder 1 and Ambulance 1 along with Chief Duke, Assistant Chief Harris and Fire Marshal Manuele responded immediately. While units were enroute, Dispatch informed responding units that smoke and fire were visible coming from the house and that at least one dog was inside the house. A working fire assignment was requested from Dispatch which called out additional Merrimack personnel and mutual aid units from Manchester and Nashua.

Upon arrival at 12:41 PM, arriving personnel found heavy smoke coming from a 2 story cape style detached condominium. Merrimack Firefighters made a rapid entry and search for any occupants but found extremely hot and smoky conditions from a large kitchen fire. As other units arrived, crews began venting the building, attacking the fire and searching all 3 floors of the house. During the search two large dogs were found, but unfortunately they did not survive. The bulk of the fire was knocked down by 1:02 PM, but crews continued to battle hot spots for some time.

The fire was declared under control at 1:11 PM and all units performed extensive overhaul and salvage operations until leaving the scene. Mutual aid was received at the scene from a Nashua Engine and Ladder company and AMR Ambulance, and a Manchester Engine covered Merrimack while all Merrimack Units were committed. No firefighters or occupants of the home were injured.

Damage to the interior of the home was extensive, with the kitchen destroyed and the remainder of the house suffering heavy heat and smoke damage. The house is not currently inhabitable.

The last unit cleared the fire scene at 3:08 PM.

For further information contact the Merrimack Fire Department, Office of the Fire Marshal.