



City of Orange Township

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Orange, New Jersey 07050

News Release

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Orange Fire Department Responds To Residential Structure Fire. February 5, 2009, 7:22 AM. 160 Hickory Street, Orange, New Jersey. No injuries. Building Subsequently Demolished.

All Orange Fire Department Units responded to a report of structural fire at 160 Hickory St. On arrival Platoon 2 Commander, Deputy Chief Minetti, reported a structure fire with heavy smoke and fire from second and third floors from the side of an abandoned three story wood structure, possibly occupied by squatters.

A primary search of the structure for possible victims ensued, while arriving units obtained water and stretched interior hose lines up to the floors on fire as well as activating exterior hand lines. Truck 1 Aerial supplied water to protect two sides that were not yet burning.

Primary search of fire structure found no victims. One side received minimal external damage and no internal fire damage. Another side received no damage.

Other agencies involved were: East Orange Fire, West Orange Fire, Irvington Fire, Montclair Fire, Nutley Fire, Livingston Fire, Orange Police, Red Cross, Orange Public Works, PSE & G, Essex County Coordinator and EVMTS Ambulance.

Construction Official, Deputy Chief James Fonzino deemed the fire structure unsafe and slated it for demolition the following day. Displaced tenants from neighboring 158 Hickory were relocated by Red Cross assisted by Orange Office of Emergency Management's Evon Ikner and Fire Department Executive Officer Frank Scura.

Cause of fire undetermined.

Mayor Eldridge Hawkins, Jr stated: "Once again, the Orange Fire Department responded swiftly, professionally, and efficiently to an emergency. I want to thank the brave members of our fire department and the other agencies that assisted them for their dedicated service protecting the citizens of Orange."

Photos Attached

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