



# CITY OF LOCKPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT

## PRESS RELEASE

**Date/Time of Incident:** 9/21/2024 22:37 hours

**Type of Incident:** Multi-Family Residential Structure Fire

**Location:** 182 North Transit St.

**Square Footage of Property:** 2,404sq. ft.

**Damage Estimate:** 1000 sq. ft.

**Market Value of Property:** \$145,000

**Property Damage:** \$70,000

**Personnel:** 10 on duty personnel, Chief Quagliano, Second Alarm assignment, Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station as FAST, Lockport Police, Wrights Corners (standby at LFD HQ) Fire Company.

**Narrative:** Niagara County dispatched LFD for a multi-unit residential structure fire with flames visible from a first floor window per 911 caller. 9M10, E7, T9, E8, M65 responded under the direction of Assistant Chief Rob Haley. On arrival fire was visible venting out of two first floor windows on the side and rear of the house, as well as a rear porch and the exterior siding of the rear wall extending up into the eaves. The initial fire attack crew from Engine 7, led by Captain Lundquist, deployed two 1.75" hose lines. One was stretched to the rear of the home for exterior knock down of the porch and siding and the other made entry into the home through a side door that led directly to the fire room, a first floor bedroom. A third hand line was brought to the attic to extinguish hotspots due to extension from the eaves. Due to the nature of the construction and the unique renovations performed to the building, extensive over haul was necessary to fully extinguish all hotspots. Direct fire damage was kept to the rear half of the building on both floors, but heat, smoke and water damage was suffered throughout the entire structure. Several thousand gallons of water were used in the extinguishment.

The occupants of the fire apartment were home at the time and discovered the fire. Several other occupants from the other 3 apartment units were also home and able to exit on their own accord. In total, 5 adults and 2 children are displaced by the fire.

Fire crews operated on scene for approximately 4 hours.

No civilian or firefighter injuries were reported during this incident.

One cat was found deceased in a second floor apartment.

**\*\*NO SMOKE DETECTORS WERE FOUND ANYWHERE WITHIN THE BUILDING\*\***

**Fire Cause:** The fire is believed to be accidental in nature. Investigators are looking into an unattended candle as a possible fire cause.