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P R E S S R E L E A S E

New Bedford Firefighters Respond to House Fire, Rescue Burn Victim

New Bedford, Massachusetts- On Monday night, New Bedford firefighters rescued an unconscious victim from a burning building located at the corner of Pleasant and Campbell Streets.

Shortly before 8:30 PM, the New Bedford Fire Department was dispatched to a structure fire at 1050 Pleasant Street, a 2 ½ -story, multi-unit wood-structure residence. The Fire Department arrived promptly on scene and members of Engine 1 and Ladder 1 were quickly able to gain entry to the building. Within four minutes of arrival, the crew of Ladder 1 located an unconscious woman on the third floor. The victim was removed and brought to safety. She was then transported by med-flight to a medical facility in Boston for significant burns to her body. Her condition is unknown at this time. Three other tenants were able to escape on their own and were kept warm on the scene in fire department vehicles.

The fire was extinguished within ten minutes of the original dispatch and confined to the top floor. No other injuries have been reported.

“I am very proud of our firefighters. They did an incredible job. In life-threatening situations, seconds count. Rapid and effective response is the key to a positive outcome in situations like these,” said Fire Chief Michael Gomes.

New Bedford Emergency Medical Services and New Bedford Police also responded to this incident. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

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