



NEWS & EVENTS

On 14 January 2004 Assistant Chief Daniel Lyon led Engine Company 6321, Rescue Company 6303 and Med-1 into action responding mutual aid to a working structure fire in the Boro of Lakehurst. Upon arrival of the Navy Lakehurst Fire & Emergency Services, Assistant Chief Lyon assumed fire command and reported heavy smoke showing from the front and the rear of the structure and confirmed with the area residents that all occupants were evacuated from the structure. Chief Lyon ordered Engine 6321 to deploy a five-inch supply line to the front of the structure in advance of deploying a 1-³/₄ attack line through the front of the structure to initiate an offensive fire suppression effort and conduct a primary search of the structure. Med-1 established a water supply for the Engine Company and Rescue Company 6303 acted as a FAST Team for the interior crews.

Upon Engine 6321 entering the structure they reported to command that areas of the floor had collapsed due to heavy fire in the basement. Engine 6321's crew withdrew and attacked the fire through a rear door and entered the basement to begin fire suppression. After establishing a water supply for the engine company, Med-1 was ordered by Chief Lyon to cut a vent hole on the roof of the structure for appropriate ventilation of the fire and to aid in fire suppression efforts. After approximately twenty minutes of suppression efforts the fire was declared under control and two family pets were rescued from the burning structure by Navy Lakehurst fire personnel.

Assisting the Navy Lakehurst Fire & Emergency Services were Manchester Fire Company, Ridgeway Fire Company, Lakehurst Boro Fire Department and Quality Emergency Medical Services. Assisting companies aided the department in fire suppression, emergency medical services, incident command system, water supply, overhaul and salvage.

Fire destroys Lakehurst home

LAKEHURST: A fire destroyed a Chestnut Street home yesterday. Police reported no injuries.

The fire at 504 Chestnut St. started about 12:30 p.m. It appears that the blaze started in the duct work of the basement furnace, Sgt. Mark Rodina said.

No one was home, but a firefighter from the Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station rescued a cat and a dog that were trapped in the house, Rodina said.

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