



# FITZWILLIAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## PRESS RELEASE

Incident Date: February 21, 2025

Location: 27 Rhododendron Rd, Fitzwilliam NH

Type: Structure Fire

At 1920 hours on February 21, 2025 Fitzwilliam, Troy, and Richmond Fire Departments were dispatched to Emerson Elementary School located on 27 Rhododendron Rd. in Fitzwilliam for an automatic fire alarm.

At 1926 hours Fitzwilliam Police arrived on scene and reported there was smoke visible in the building, a portion of the ceiling was collapsing, and there was visible fire on the roof of the building. At this time the incident was upgraded to a first alarm response and additional mutual aid was requested to the scene.

First units arrived to smoke and fire showing from the eaves on the Alpha/Bravo corner of the large one and a half story wood frame school. Crews deployed hand lines, ladders, and forced entry into the building. Active fire was located in the attic space of the building and the incident was upgraded to a second alarm.

At 2057 hours the incident was deemed under control.

Two firefighter's sustained minor injuries on scene with one transported to Cheshire Medical Center as a precaution.

I would like to thank our mutual aid units for their efforts on scene: Troy, Richmond, Rindge, Jaffrey, Keene, Winchester, Swanzey, Marlborough, Royalston (MA), Ashburnham (MA) Fire Departments and Cheshire County EMS.

I would also like to thank our dispatch, Southwestern NH District Fire Mutual aid, for all their behind the scene work.

The cause of the fire is unknown at this time. The NH State Fire Marshal #39's office is investigating the incident. Further information will be provided as it becomes available.

Thank you,

Chief Adam Dubriske  
Fitzwilliam Fire and EMS

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