Esopus Fire Department

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* Press Release *

On Wednesday, August 28th at 14:18 the Esopus Fire Department with an automatic response from the Port Ewen Fire Department were dispatched to a report of smoke coming from the rear of a residence at 86 Ulster Avenue. The first arriving unit was on scene within 4 minutes reporting a light smoke coming from a window. Within minutes heavy smoke and fire was showing from the window and a 2nd alarm was transmitted. Firefighters made entry, located the fire, and initiated an aggressive interior attack. The bulk of the fire was contained to the room of origin and an adjoining room, with smoke damage throughout the building. One cat was treated with oxygen from our pet oxygen mask and another was found deceased. All units were clear of the scene in just under 3 hours. The fire is currently under investigation.

While operating at the fire scene, firefighters also responded to a boat in distress on the Hudson River in the area of the Esopus Lighthouse. Both occupants were safely transported from the disabled vessel to the shore without incident.

Firefighters were assisted by the Port Ewen Fire Dept, St. Remy Fire Dept, Highland Hose Company, Kingston Fire Dept, Ulster Hose Company #5, Roosevelt Fire Department, City of Poughkeepsie Fire, Ulster County Fire Coordinators Office, Ulster County Emergency Management, NYS Office of Emergency Management, Town of Esopus Volunteer Ambulance Squad, Central Hudson Gas and Electric, Town of Esopus Building Department and the Ulster County Fire Investigation Unit.

If you have any questions, please contact us at <u>contact@esopusfd.com</u>