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### FIRE DAMAGES HOME IN THE TOWN OF ORANGE

*1 Civilian injury, 2 animals rescued and 1 animal dead; Investigators seeking cause and origin*

Town of Orange – The Orange Volunteer Fire Company and multiple fire rescue companies responded just after 11:20 this morning to a fire at 139 May Fray Avenue. First arriving crews from Orange County Fire & EMS removed one female from the home after she had re-entered the home to rescue pets trapped inside the home. Engine 23 with a crew of 4 arrived minutes after and entered the home to complete extinguishment and a full search of the home for the trapped animals. Crews were faced with a well developed fire that required multiple hose lines to fully extinguish. All three pets were located and removed. Of the three animals (2 cats & 1 dog), the dog died as a result of smoke inhalation and the cats remain stable.

A total of 5 fire departments responded to the fire. They included the Orange Volunteer Fire Company, County of Orange Fire & EMS, Gordonsville Volunteer Fire Company, Rapidan Volunteer Fire Company, and Barboursville Volunteer Fire Company.

County Fire & EMS personnel provided EMS care for the one occupant removed from the home. The occupant was flown by helicopter to the hospital due to smoke inhalation.

No damage estimates are available at this point and the investigation is being handled by the County of Orange Fire & EMS.

The Orange Volunteer Fire Company reminds you to check your smoke detectors twice per year and replace any detector older than 10 years.

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