

Two Alarms on Atlantic Avenue on Friday

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Two-alarms were struck on Friday afternoon, November 6, at 5020 Atlantic Avenue. Commercial structure fire at Brother's Cleaners. Two-story brick and metal building with 18,253 square-feet. Built 1998. (Tax records list building as one-story with mezzanine level in front and left of building.) Four engines, two ladders, rescue, two Battalion Chiefs, and Platoon Deputy Fire Marshal.

Working fire dispatched while units were en route, due to multiple callers. This added air truck, Division Chief, and Investigator. Rescue 1 arrived with heavy fire and smoke from Division B/C (left/rear of building). Engine 15 was right behind them and assumed command, and pulled a pair of attack lines into the structure. (Engine 15 also laid in wet.)

Hazards soon presented themselves, including haz-mats inside the building and deteriorating structural conditions. (Including wall crack developing in C/D corner.) Crews were ordered to withdraw from interior (and ladder company from the roof), and evacuation tones were sounded. This was about ten minutes into the incident (after the first unit's arrival). Second alarm requested at about the same time. Three engines, three ladders, and third Battalion Chief dispatched.

Defensive operations started. Two portable monitors used in rear, and one in the front. (Ladder 2 also used as aerial stream, positioned in A/B corner.) Doors used for access on front, rear, and right side. Windows on the second story, front and left side. Holes cut into metal walls for ground access on left side. Two additional hydrants were caught. Courtyard lay also deployed in B/C corner. Extended operations for extinguishment.

Engine 15 pumped from front of building. Ladder 2 from B/C. Engine 16 pumped from elevated parking lot, on adjoining property to north. Engine 22 pumped from parking lot at lower grade, on adjoining property to south. About an hour into the incident, fourth hydrant was requested. Two engines were directed to intersection of Millbrook and Atlantic, for additional water supply using a different water main. Three additional engines were requested to scene, about ten minutes later. Squad 7, Engine 5, and Engine 4 were dispatched, all from move-up locations.

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Lee Wilson photos

Command located in front of building in parking lot. Medical located on opposite side of Atlantic Avenue, in front of building. Staging on Atlantic Avenue both north and south of scene. Atlantic Avenue closed, between Millbrook Road and north of incident (probably Forest Oaks Drive).

Dispatched 1:42 p.m. Working fire ~1:45 p.m. First arrival 1:46 p.m. Second alarm ~1:56 p.m. Three additional engines ~2:50 p.m. Controlled 4:10 p.m. Companies remained on scene for a number of hours, with relief companies at ~6:06 p.m. (Engine 20), ~6:48 p.m. (Engine 1, Ladder 3), and ~7:04 p.m. (Engine 29). No injuries. Cause under investigation. "A" platoon.

Units on scene included:

- First alarm: E15, E11, E9, E22, L2, L5, R1, B1, B5.
- Working fire: A2, C20, C401, C420.
- Second alarm: L7 (was moved up to 15), E19, E16, E27, L5, L1, B2
- Additional: C1, C2, C4, C12 (Safety), C21 (Ops Chief Aide)
- Medical: EMS 10, EMS 13, EMS 2, EMS 31, EMS 15, D3, T1, Logistics 1

Move-ups included:

- E13 to 15
- L7 to 15 (dispatched on second alarm)
- E17 to 16
- E5 to 9
- L9 to 22
- L8 to 12
- Sq7 to 11
- L6 to 23
- L6 to 18
- E18 to 4
- E10 to 1

Four hydrants used. Configuration observed about two hours into incident:

- Atlantic, at building
Engine 15 pumping in A
Engine 9 on Atlantic, boosting
- Atlantic, just north of building.
Engine 11 on Atlantic, boosting and supplying Ladder 2 (?) in A/B
- Atlantic, further north
Engine 16 in parking lot to north of building, pumping to courtyard lay in division B/C
- Millbrook and Atlantic, requested at specific location, to utilize a separate water main
Engine 19 at corner, boosting
Engine 4 about halfway to scene, relay to Engine 27

Engine 27 on Atlantic, opposite side of street in front of building, relay to Engine 22
Engine 22 in parking lot to south of building, pumping to lines/monitor(s) in division C/D

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