

Two Alarms Yesterday on Lake Hill Drive

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Two alarms were struck yesterday afternoon at 6614 Lake Hill Drive. Multiple callers reported smoke and flames presenting from a second-story apartment. Working fire assignment was dispatched as units were en route. Engine 15 arrived at a three-story, wood-frame, garden-style apartment building with 20,925 square-feet. Twelve (?) apartments. Built 1974. Fire was venting through the second-floor window.

Engine 15 confirmed a working fire, caught their own hydrant and laid their own supply line, and parked in the front of the building. They took a line into the structure, into a second-story rear apartment. Battalion 1 assumed command on arrival. He struck a second alarm about ten minutes into the incident, as Engine 15 was having difficulty finding the seat of the fire due to heavy smoke conditions. Second line was brought inside by this time.

First arriving second-alarm company, Engine 9, was directed to take a third line to the rear of the structure, for exterior attack and/or entry. They were directed to catch a second hydrant, and also connected to Ladder 1, which was positioned in the rear of the building. Fire was difficult to find and resulted in extended overhaul, as it had spread through the floors and ceilings of the second-story apartment. Other companies were assigned tasks of searching and evacuating the other apartments. Plus ventilation, fire attack, etc.

Dispatched at 4:45 p.m. Working fire dispatched *about* 4:50 p.m. Engine 15 arrived *about* 4:52 p.m. Second alarm dispatched *about* 5:02 p.m. Controlled at 5:49 p.m. Units remained on scene for a number of hours. Photographer Mike Legeros (me!) drove from downtown Raleigh, so his first photo below was taken about 5:19 p.m. (It's always a Friday afternoon challenge. Where to wander and perhaps catch a working fire. North side, west side, downtown, etc.)

Ten apartments were rendered uninhabitable and twenty percent of the building was damaged. Two firefighters were injured, minor knee and minor shoulder injuries. Neither was transported. One resident suffered smoke inhalation and was transported. Some fifty people were displaced, reports [this WRAL story](#) with a great gaffe headline: "Dozens of homes lost to Friday fires." Units on scene, not including relief companies, included: E15, E4, E19, E18, L1, R1, B1, EMS 35 (first alarm); B4, A1, C10, C20, C40, EMS2, D4 (working fire); E9, E22, E11, L5, L2, R3, B3, C5, EMS 36, EMS 31, T1 (second alarm). [See preliminary photos](#). More later.





looking at the units on the call I noticed that L1 and L2 were on the call but skimming the photos I swear I saw L5. Maybe Im just loosing my mind

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L-5 was there. They were the second ladder on the first dispatch.

L-5 - 11/05/12 - 13:16

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