

Two Alarms on Graduate Lane

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Twelve apartments were damaged or destroyed in a two-alarm fire this morning at 1501 Graduate Lane. First reported by neighbor as located at the intersection of Gorman Street and Kaplan Drive. Arriving police units reported flames showing. Working fire assignment was dispatched while fire units were still en route. Engine 20 arrived with heavy fire showing from the roof of a three-story, wood-frame apartment building with approximately 27,000 square-feet. Subsequent size-up found fire on all three floors, on the left side of the structure. Second alarm requested by Battalion 3, upon his arrival. Searches started as crews prepared for aerial operations.

Ladder 4 deployed from Gorman Street, on left side of structure, supplied by a hydrant on Gorman Street, which was boosted by Engine 2. Ladder 7 was positioned in the front of the building. It was supplied by Engine 20, which was supplied by a hydrant on Graduate Lane, which was boosted by Engine 8. (Got that?) Crews were withdrawn about ten minutes later, as aerial operations started. One more portable monitors were also deployed.

Command was located in the front of the structure. Accountability was located at Battalion 3's vehicle, on Graduate Lane. Rehab supplies were staged beside Ladder 4, on Gorman Street. Apparatus staged on Gorman Street, east and west of the scene. Dispatched 4:11 a.m. Second alarm 4:20 a.m. Controlled 6:00 a.m. Ladder pipes extinguished the bulk of the fire in the roof area, which also suffered a collapse about thirty minutes into the incident. Extended operations were required to bring the fire under control. Cause determined as accidental. Property loss and lives shattered due to **improperly discarded smoking materials**.

Units on scene included: E20, E8, E5, E1, E13, E6, E2, L7, L4, L2, L3, Squad 14, R1, B3, B5, B2, A1, C20, C401, C420, C2, C1, EMS 4, EMS 8, EMS 3, D1, T1. (EMS 11, D5, M91 returned to service.) Raleigh fire investigators assisted by WC 1. Crews remained on scene through the morning, with Engine 20 and Ladder 7 extinguishing hot spots. See photos from Legeros from the fire (draft) and [after the fire](#), later this morning. First photograph at 4:37 a.m. Also very dark scene. Flash used in spots. See also media coverage from [WRAL](#), [WTVD](#), and others.





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