

Two Alarms on Hampshire Place on Saturday

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Belated incident report from the weekend. Two alarms were struck on Saturday morning in Raleigh, at the home of a Raleigh police officer and a neighboring Raleigh firefighter. Dispatched at 10:36 a.m. to 8250 Hampshire Place. Upgraded to working fire about a minute later, due to multiple reports. Engine 18 arrived at 10:38 a.m. at a two-story, wood-frame townhome building with six occupancies. Each unit about 1,300 square-feet. Built 1995. Heavy fire in the rear of unit 102, at the corrected address 8310 Hampshire Place.

Engine 18 caught their own hydrant, and laid in wet. They pulled a line to the rear of the building, for an exterior attack. The officer also requested a second alarm, which was dispatched at 10:42 a.m. After knocking down the bulk of the fire, crews went inside for interior attack.



WRAL photo

Second due Engine 4 boosted pressure for Engine 18. First due Ladder 1, operating the reserve 1988 Pierce Snorkel, was positioned at the front of the building, and prepared for aerial operations (which was not needed). Engine 23 established the water supply for the ladder.

Crews also entered each adjoining unit, for exposure protection. Vertical ventilation was performed. The fire was controlled at 10:53 a.m. Two additional engines were special called to help with overhaul and investigation. No injuries were reported. The cause was undetermined. Believe the fire was the fourth second-alarm for the year.

First alarm: E18, E4, E23, E16, L1, L3, R1, B5, B1, C420; Working fire: A2, C20, C401; Second alarm: E29; E15; E9; L6; L5; B4. Special called Sq7, E1. Medical: EMS 22, EMS 35, D4, T1.

Police Officer, Firefighter Displaced

The townhome belonged to Raleigh Police Officer A. R. Morales. Her neighbor was Raleigh Senior Firefighter John Stiver. Donations for both are being accepted through this [GoFundMe page](#).

Here's the building before the fire:



Google photo

Prior Fires

Hempshire Place has been the site of two or three major fires in the past.

Two alarms at 8321 Hampshire on December 18, 2000, and two alarms at 8311 Hampshire on June 23, 2006. Also checking on possible third multiple-alarm fire, at the time of construction circa 1997-1998.

Pictures and Media

- WRAL posted a dramatic viewer picture, shown above. [See their coverage](#). Other media coverage includes this [WTVD story](#).
- FireNews Editor in Chief Jeff Harkey went to the scene, and posted some photos on [Twitter](#).
- Fuquay Fire Buffs photographer Evan Caulfield went to the scene, and has posted pictures on their [Facebook page](#). Audio and video are forthcoming.

Vertical ventilation?

Rescue Ranger - 09/22/15 - 22:16

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