

# PRESS RELEASE

Flagler Beach, FL - Flagler Beach Firefighters responded at 10:14hrs to 5 Village Drive in Flagler Beach for a reported structure fire. Flagler Beach Fire Rescue Engine 11 responded with a crew of 5 and arrived on scene at 10:19hrs observing a single story, multi-unit residential wood frame ordinary construction structure with heavy smoke and flames showing from the A-Side (front bedroom) of the residence. Engine 11 established "Village Drive Command" and switched to TAC 5 per dispatch.

Engine 11 crew advised incoming units of a hydrant directly in front of E-11. Personnel from Engine 11 deployed two 1 3/4" hoselines to the front door of the unit with smoke and fire showing, as well as the unit to the right of the A-Side of the structure while remaining personnel conducted a primary search of the residence. Upon conducting the search, Engine 11 personnel located a male patient unconscious and unresponsive in the rear of the structure in the living room area. The male victim was removed from the residence and transferred to Flagler County Fire Rescue Rescue 11 who transported the patient to Florida Hospital Flagler. Assistant Fire Chief Shane Wood arrived on scene and assumed command from Engine 11. Crews performed an aggressive interior attack in the front bedroom extinguishing all active fire. Fire under control at 10:30hrs.

Flagler County Fire Rescue Engine 92 arrived on scene and assisted with patient care having one firefighter assist Rescue 11 during transport to the hospital. Flagler County Fire Rescue Ladder 41 remained available on scene at Palm Drive and Village Drive. E-111 arrived on scene for manpower and equipment and also assisted with overhaul and checking for extension. E-11's Thermal Imaging Camera was utilized for checking hot spots, none were found and no extension was observed in the attic areas. Main body of fire was contained to the front bedroom, however heavy smoke damage was present throughout the entire unit.

Smoke detectors were present in the residence and alerted the neighbor. The neighbor stated she heard the alarm and observed smoke coming from the residence and called 911.

State Fire Marshall notification was requested by Chief 12 at 10:35hrs. State Fire Marshall arrived on scene at 11:34hrs and is currently investigating the incident.

According to the Flagler County Property Appraiser's Office, the residence was constructed in 1985 and it is a wood frame structure with pre-manufactured wood paneling on the exterior, with lightweight truss constructed roof. The front bedroom where the fire is believed to have originated in is approximately 12'x12'.

Flagler Beach Engine 11, Engine 111, Tower 11, Fire Police 11, Chief 11 and Chief 12 responded to this incident, Chief 12 in command. The cause of the fire is currently under investigation by the State Fire Marshall's Office.

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