

# Lakeville house fire displaces family; first call for town's new tower ladder and two new recruits

"The fire occurred at 16 Bernards Way tonight (4/13), it was discovered just after 5 pm when a neighborhood child saw fire venting from a window on the back side of the house. A phone call to 911 followed and firefighters were enroute by 5:15 pm.

A full recall of firefighters was transmitted due to the report of the house fire. A working fire assignment was requested by the Chief before arrival due to information from the scene.

Engine 2 and Car 1 arrived first, conflicting reports about the whereabouts of the occupants necessitated an aggressive attack on the fire and a search of the home. Engine 2 crew stretched a 1  $\frac{3}{4}$  attack line into the home for extinguishment.



*Lakeville, MA Fire Department photo.*

Next arriving Engine 1 conducted a search for victims, but none were found. Car 2 and Tower Ladder 1 arrived on the scene, with the ladder assigned to ventilation of the structure.

An Engine from Raynham covered the Lakeville Fire Station during the fire.

A neighbor helped keep some of the fire in check by spraying water into a window where the fire was venting. Despite those actions, interior firefighters were faced with heavy smoke and zero visibility. Upon locating the seat of the fire, crews quickly extinguished the remaining fire.

The family of four was not home at the time of the fire, they did respond back home upon notification of the fire. The home was uninhabitable due to the fire damage, and the Red Cross is assisting the family with securing shelter for the night.

An attached neighboring home (duplex) was not damaged; the residents were temporarily displaced due to elevated carbon

monoxide levels. The neighbor's home was ventilated and made safe.



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Plymouth County Sheriff's Department BCI responded to the scene for investigation assistance. The Building Inspector Nate Darling assisted with the investigation and securing of the home. All responders were clear of the scene by 8:00 pm.

**Notes:**

- A couple of firsts... This was the first call for our new Tower Ladder! This was the first fire for FF PJ Machunski and Brett Morse.
- FF Neal Severance graduated from the fire academy only yesterday.

Strong work fellas! The Delisle Family discovered the fire; they are the family that firefighters recently assisted after the birth of Annabelle in their home.”-Lakeville, MA Fire Department.





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