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Third Alarm Brush Fire Off Blackwater Road

CONCORD, NH (July 25, 2022) – At 2:11 p.m. on July 24, 2022, the Concord Fire Department was dispatched to the area of Blackwater Road to investigate smoke in the area. Upon arrival, companies detected signs of a brush fire but were unable to immediately locate it. With the assistance of nearby residents and UTVs, the fire was located at 2:59 p.m., approximately a half-mile into the woods. Fire department vehicles were able to access the burning area via a nearby logging road. A third alarm was eventually struck due to the rapidly spreading fire as well as the high heat and humidity brought by the recent heatwave. A general alarm was also struck, recalling all available off-duty Concord Firefighters.

A total of approximately 50 firefighters were able to bring the fire under control at 5:36 p.m. utilizing a total of 3 Engines, 1 Tanker, 8 Forestry Trucks, and 2 Off Road Utility Vehicles.

Concord Fire Department received assistance from companies from Bow, Allenstown, Boscawen, Hopkinton, Pembroke, and Webster Fire Departments as well as the Capital Area Chief Coordinator. A privately-owned skidder and excavator were also instrumental in helping to stop the spread of fire as well as moving burning debris so it could be extinguished.

During the event, Concord Fire Stations were covered by apparatus from Loudon, Tilton-Northfield, and Hooksett Fire Departments. Red Cross was also on scene to assist with rehab operations due to the extreme weather that was in the high 90s across the area. No injuries were reported during the incident. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

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If you require further information about this incident, please contact Interim Chief John Chisholm at 603-230-3801, or jchisholm@concordnh.gov.