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# FDM Incident Report

Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency

Incident Number \_\_\_\_\_ Incident Begin Time **08/10/2000 1:32:55 PM**  
 Location **191 PORTLAND** **ST** **Dartmouth**  
 Incident Type **FIRE - STRUCTURE**  
 Nature **101 - Structure Fire - Major**

Fire Ground Command  
 Reporting Officer **McKenzie** **David**  
 Station Area **13 Station** On duty Shift **D**

Command Established **08/10/2000 1:38:20 PM** Command Location **PORTLAND**  
 Forced Entry Location **Frnt. door,apt. 191A,back dr.ap** Ventilation Location **East side window of 191A**  
 Total # Rescues **0** Weather Conditions **Clear**  
 Total Pump Time **0** Wind Direction \_\_\_\_\_ Probable Cause **69 Under Investigation**  
 Total Water Applied **0** Wind Speed **0** Property Class **Do Not Use**  
 Open Door **No** Open Stairwell **No** Open Window **Yes**  
 Heavy Fuel Load **No** Fire Stops \_\_\_\_\_ Lack of Water **No**  
 Breached Fire Wall **No** Design Factors **No** Juvenile **No**  
 Alarms Reset \_\_\_\_\_ Sprinklers Restored \_\_\_\_\_

Extent of Fire Damage **7 Extended beyond struct/origin** Ambulance \_\_\_\_\_  
 Extent of Smoke Damage **6 Confined to structure/origin** Police \_\_\_\_\_  
 Extent of Water Damage **5 Confined to floor of origin** Utility \_\_\_\_\_  
 Exting Agent Applied \_\_\_\_\_  
 Related Fire Call \_\_\_\_\_ Related Police Call \_\_\_\_\_

2000/10/08 13:33:07  
 CALLER STATES HE CAN SEE HEAVY BLACK SMOKE FROM THE DOWNSTAIRS ON THE ALLEY SIDE OF THE BLDG.

2000/10/08 13:33:07  
 Response zone election  
 Property voted for Not Found  
 Map voted for 13-15, Dartmouth - Central/East  
 Runcard voted for Not Found  
 ESZ voted for Not Found  
 Response zone elected was 13-15, Dartmouth - Central/East

2000/10/08 13:39:11  
 FIRE IN BASEMENT APT, 13Q MAKING ENTRANCE.....14E TO CATCH A HYDRANT....

2000/10/08 13:40:51  
 pc dunfee has been notified 5 minutes ago

2000/10/08 13:41:28

SAFETY B.BURRELL ADVISED....

2000/10/08 13:43:02  
S. THURBER ADVISED....WATER COMMISSION ADVISED...

2000/10/08 13:47:36  
12E TO STN 13 FOR COVER, 17E TO STN 14 FOR COVER....

2000/10/08 13:50:46  
17A & 18E MANNED.....

2000/10/08 13:51:02  
DUTY P/C ON ROUTE TO SCENE.....

2000/10/08 13:58:27  
safety requested police to portland/pleasant for traffic....

2000/10/08 14:00:10  
FIRE IS KNOCK DOWN, CHECKING FOR EXTENSION....

2000/10/08 14:04:56  
DUTY P/C ON SCENE, BLOCKING TRAFFIC WITH HIS VEH....

2000/10/08 14:08:19  
OWNER OF BLDG [REDACTED] TRYING TO CONTACT LINE BUSY....

2000/10/08 14:31:54  
BILL MURPHY ADVISED....

2000/10/08 14:45:50  
SECURITY COMPANY BEING CONTACTED, AS WELL AS RED CROSS....

2000/10/08 14:51:13  
RED CROSS CONTACTED AND WILL ADVISE...

2000/10/08 14:54:59  
HALIFAX REGIONAL WILL BE SENDING 2 MEN...15-20 MIN'S ETA.....

2000/10/08 15:03:50  
SAFETY CLEAR OF SCENE.....

2000/10/08 15:08:11  
OWNER OF BLDG ON SCENE.....

2000/10/08 15:28:55  
RED CROSS AND SECURITY ON SCENE....

**Incident Attendees**

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Name		Rank	SCBA	Exposure
<b>Bain</b>	<b>Tony</b>	<b>FireFighter</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>Brackett</b>	<b>Andrew</b>	<b>FireFighter</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>Cameron</b>	<b>David</b>	<b>Captain Operations</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>Ellis</b>	<b>Gary</b>	<b>FireFighter Engineer</b>	<b>No</b>	
<b>Fong</b>	<b>Richard</b>	<b>Platoon Captain</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>Grimes</b>	<b>William</b>	<b>Captain Operations</b>	<b>No</b>	
<b>Hartling</b>	<b>Darrell</b>	<b>Fire Prev Officer</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>MacInnis</b>	<b>James</b>	<b>Training Officer</b>	<b>No</b>	
<b>McKenzie</b>	<b>David</b>	<b>Captain Operations</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>Meehan</b>	<b>Samantha</b>	<b>FireFighter Engineer</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>Meisner</b>	<b>Tyson</b>	<b>FireFighter Engineer</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>Reesor</b>	<b>Ian L.O.</b>	<b>FireFighter</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>Thomas</b>	<b>Robert</b>	<b>FireFighter Engineer</b>	<b>Yes</b>	

**Wamboldt**                      **Darren**                      **FireFighter**                      **Yes**

**Apparatus Response**

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Apparatus	Dispatch Time	On Route Time	On Scene Time	Return to Quarters Time
<b>08 Tact</b>	<b>08/10/2000 1:36:09 PM</b>	<b>08/10/2000 1:38:37 PM</b>	<b>08/10/2000 1:49:14 PM</b>	<b>08/10/2000 2:53:55 PM</b>
<b>13 QUINT</b>	<b>08/10/2000 1:33:51 PM</b>	<b>08/10/2000 1:35:41 PM</b>	<b>08/10/2000 1:36:54 PM</b>	<b>08/10/2000 3:53:01 PM</b>
<b>14 ENGINE</b>	<b>08/10/2000 1:35:40 PM</b>	<b>08/10/2000 1:37:03 PM</b>	<b>08/10/2000 1:42:47 PM</b>	<b>08/10/2000 2:46:15 PM</b>
<b>15 ENGINE</b>	<b>08/10/2000 1:33:29 PM</b>	<b>08/10/2000 1:37:06 PM</b>	<b>08/10/2000 1:38:34 PM</b>	<b>08/10/2000 2:51:36 PM</b>

**Additional Incident Responders**

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**Police**    **Const. B. Wornell**  
**Ambulance**  
**Other**    **Red Cross - Carol Conrod**  
**Platoon Chief**

**Incident Comments**

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**CAPT. DARRELL HARTLING**

15 Engine crew laid feed line from hydrant to Quint 13. 15 crew also entered the third storey apartment using forcible entry and removed four cats. Used positive pressure fan to ventilate upper apartment. Firefighter Tyson Meisner was used in initial entry of the structure.

**CAPT. DAVID MCKENZIE**

13 Quint arrived 191 Portland to find people on sidewalk pointing up alley indicating a fire. I observed smoke and flames venting from lower apt. window, also light smoke coming from upper windows on east side. Entry was made on the lower floor by forcing the front door and fire attack and initial search was done by 13Q crew. The fire was quickly knocked down and extension in the ceiling was found and extinguished. E-14 crew advanced a hose line to the second floor apt. to search and check for extension. Two areas of extension were found and extinguished. E-15 crew forced door of top apt. to search and ventilate. Four cats were removed and taken to the neighbours. 18 Tact arrived with BA bottles and water.

Fire, water and smoke damage was extensive on 1st level. The 2nd level sustained slight fire damage and smoke damage. The 3rd level sustained smoke damage. The building at 193 Portland owned by [REDACTED] had damage to exterior siding near window of 191 where fire was venting.

The owner of 191 Portland, [REDACTED] was on scene and advised of the situation.

Carol Conrod of the Red Cross assisted the tenants in need of help.

Photo log was taken. The situation was declared under control and the property released to Metro HRM Protection.

**DAVID CAMERON**

On arrival 14 Engine assumed second floor command. The 2nd floor was then checked for extension and ventilated.

**ROBERT THOMAS**

We supplied water for drinking and a PPV.

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**Incident Statistics**

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**Property Classification** 321 Multi-Unit Dwelling 2- 6 Unit  
**Fire Origin (Area)** 22 Sleeping Area or Bedroom  
**Igniting Object** 99 Undetermined  
**Fuel/Energy** 98 Undetermined  
**Material First Ignited** 98 Undetermined  
**Possible Cause** 69 Under Investigation  
**Property Complex**

## Investigation

Investigator	Martin			Investigation #
Date Investigation Began	10/10/2000	Completion Date	10/10/2000	
Contents Loss	0	Structure Loss	0	
Equipment Loss	0	Vehicle Loss	0	
Camera Submitted		Photo Log		Physical Evidence examined, secured?

## Investigation Narrative

Fire Investigation  
 October 10, 2000  
 Comments by Glenn Martin

Responded to the above location to conduct a fire investigation, along with Don Surette. On our arrival, we were met by security personnel of Atlantic Protection Services, who had maintained security on the building until our arrival. Scott Wheeler also responded.

In discussion, prior to conducting physical examination of the scene, we decided Scott Wheeler would be doing the main investigation report. Scott Wheeler photographed the scene, while Don Surette took measurements for diagrams. We then commenced our physical examination of the scene as per cause. See fire investigation report.

At approximately 11 A. M., I spoke to the resident of the involved apartment, [REDACTED], in our investigation van. [REDACTED] told me, she is currently staying [REDACTED] due to the fire. At the time of the fire, she was there for Thanksgiving Day dinner. [REDACTED] She said she locked her apartment door when she left. When asked who discovered the fire, she replied one of her friends noticed it with flames coming from the children's room. I then asked [REDACTED] if there was any gas stored in the apartment, she replied that she did not store any fuel in the apartment. I then told [REDACTED] we found the remains of a red plastic gas container in the children's room. She told me there were four garbage bags of clothing on the ledge under the window, along with two bags of toys.

In front of the opening to the crawl space, at the back of the building, was a small bureau with a bed beside the entrance door. [REDACTED] told me, the opening into the crawl space was covered with plywood. Other than the children's room, the apartment had very little furnishings, a small couch in the living room and a T.V. She was expecting furniture from [REDACTED] at the end of the week. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] also told me, the window to the children's room was partially open when she left. In regards to the smoke alarm found on the floor, she doesn't recall if the smoke alarm was in place. [REDACTED] also told me that she stores some clothing for [REDACTED] who does not live there and he has no key.

