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Beacon Fire Department and Neighboring Departments Respond to Fatal Structure Fire at 9 Alice Street in Beacon

City of Beacon – On April 15, 2025 at 6:26 p.m., the Beacon Fire Department was dispatched to a house fire at 9 Alice Street in the City of Beacon with reports of people trapped in the structure. Also responding were Castle Point Fire Department (Engine Truck), the Village of Fishkill Fire Department (Ladder Truck), Beacon Volunteer Ambulance Corps (BVAC), City of Beacon Medic 1 (Ambulnz), and the City of Beacon Police Department. Three of the four occupants were able to escape the structure and were transported to the hospital for burn injuries. The fourth occupant, identified as Eugene (Gene) Murphy, did not escape or survive the fire.

Upon arrival at scene, Beacon Fire Department Car 2 confirmed heavy fire emanating from the front of the house, as well as from three vehicles in the front of structure. A second alarm was requested. City of Beacon Engines 33-15 and 33-16 arrived simultaneously and began a transitional attack. The deck gun from Engine 33-16 was used to knock down the fire on the front of the house while firefighters stretched an attack line to a door on the porch of the #4 (northeast) side of the structure. Firefighters gained entry into that side door and were met with heavy fire conditions inside.

Firefighters began to knock the fire down and conducted a primary search of the first floor. No victims were located during the primary search of the first floor. Once the fire was knocked down on the first floor, members moved up the stairs to the second floor to knock down more fire and conduct a primary search of the second floor. The fire on the second floor was knocked down, and the primary search was negative. Members from Beacon FD and Castle Point FD began to ventilate and conducted a secondary search of all floors. During the secondary search, a deceased person was located on the first floor in the living room. The person was confirmed to be deceased, and the Incident Commander was updated. Members used a blanket and tarp to cover the person while conducting an overhaul and extinguishing hot spots throughout the structure.

The Dutchess County Fire Investigation Division and City of Beacon Police conducted an investigation with the assistance of Fire Department personnel. The exact cause of the fire remains under investigation. While operating on scene, four City of Beacon Fire Department members and two Castle Point Fire Department members sustained minor injuries. The City of Beacon Building Department has condemned the structure at 9 Alice Street, and the adjacent house at 15 Alice Street sustained some radiant heat damage from the fire.

The deceased occupant was a retired City of Beacon Highway Department Supervisor, who worked for the City for thirty years. Mayor Kyriacou offered his condolences on behalf of the City to Mr. Murphy's family and friends.

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