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****Chambersburg Fire Department Responds to House Fire on East King Street****

Chambersburg, PA – January 7, 2026 – The Chambersburg Fire Department was alerted today at 10:14 AM for a reported house fire with individuals trapped at 348 East King Street, in the Borough of Chambersburg. The first arriving unit was on the scene within one minute, confirming that one individual was trapped on the second floor.

Quickly assessing the situation, firefighters managed to remove the trapped individual through a second-floor window and handed them over to Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Upon entering the structure, crews discovered fire within the walls on the first floor and flames extending to the second floor.

During firefighting operations, a firefighter fell through a burned-out hole in the second floor and landed on another firefighter below. A mayday was declared, but the situation was swiftly managed, and both firefighters were safely assisted out of the building without injuries.

Due to the complexity of the incident, a second alarm was dispatched, as firefighters faced significant challenges, including hoarding conditions and structural hazards from ongoing renovations. Notably, there were no working smoke detectors in the residence.

The investigation revealed that the fire originated on the first floor and was determined to be electrical in nature. The damage to the home is extensive, rendering it uninhabitable, with an estimated loss of \$100,000.

A total of 37 personnel responded to the incident, with assistance from multiple fire departments, including Franklin Fire Department, Letterkenny Fire Department, New Franklin Fire Department, Marion Fire Department, West End Fire and Rescue Department, Pleasant Hall Fire Department, along with Wellspan EMS. Furthermore, Chambersburg's electric and water departments and building code officials played a critical role in managing the scene.

The American Red Cross is helping to provide assistance to the affected occupants with housing solutions.

The Chambersburg Fire Department would like to remind the community of the importance of working smoke detectors and proper fire safety measures in every home.

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