



City of Olean Fire Department Media Release
118 Orleans Avenue Structure Fire

In the early morning hours of Friday, February 10th at 0120, City of Olean Firefighters were alerted to a structure fire at 118 Orleans Avenue. Fire Department units were on location with two engines and one ambulance within three minutes of dispatch. Fire personnel were met with flames showing from west side of structure along with smoke coming from the roof. Fire crews made entry for search and rescue through the front of the structure, while simultaneously stretching a 1 ¾ hose line to the south west end of structure for extinguishment. The fire was reported under control with a primary search of the occupied apartment completed within seven minutes. The occupant was evaluated and treated on scene by EMS but refused transport to the hospital. The sole occupant has been displaced as a result of this incident and is being attended to by the Red Cross.

The City of Olean Fire Department was assisted, through mutual aid, by the Westons Mills and Allegany Fire Departments who stood by in our stations. The Portville Fire Department's Air Truck and Trans Am Ambulance Service responded to the scene to provide support. The exact cause of the structure fire is currently under investigation by the City of Olean Fire Investigation Team.

The City of Olean Fire Department wants to commend the tenant and landlord of this property for having functioning smoke detectors which alerted the occupant while he was asleep. If it were not for this early warning this fire may have had a different outcome. Please check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to ensure that they are functioning.

Stay Safe,
Captain Nathan Veno
Fire Chief Tim Richardson