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PRESS RELEASE

Type of Incident: Third Alarm Fire

Date: 3/27/2020

Address: 232 234 Spruce St.

Time: 15:31

Under Control: 17:56

All Out: 20:50

Number/Type Apparatus: 11 engines, 3 ladders, 1 rescue, 2 ambulances

Number of Alarms: 3

Incident Summary: A full box assignment was dispatched to 232 Spruce St. for a reported fire in the rear of the building. On arrival companies discovered heavy fire at 232 Spruce St with three vehicles fully involved, extending to 234 Spruce St on all floors. A second and third alarm were quickly struck and efforts were concentrated on saving the immediate exposure buildings in the area.

All off duty personnel were called to the scene to help with firefighting efforts. Gusty winds contributed to the quick spread of the fire to adjacent buildings. Thanks to the heroic efforts of MFD personnel there were no injuries or fatalities reported and the fire was contained to the original fire buildings of 232 and 234 Spruce St. There were also issues with water pressure in the area and water works was called in to divert water to the scene. A total of 6 buildings sustained fire damage. Two buildings 232 and 234 Spruce St. are a total loss. A total of 12 families were displaced and are being assisted by the Red Cross.

Any Special Features: Significant Delay in Notification of FD

Extent of Damages: approx. \$750,000

Civilians Injured:

Firefighters Injured: 0

Building Owner:

Remarks: A delay in notification and Gusty winds contributed greatly to the fast spread of the fire. Three alarms were struck plus two additional Engines were called to the scene to assist with extinguishing this conflagration.

District Chief: Hank Martineau