

CHARLESTON

FIRE DEPARTMENT



CFD Responds to Simultaneous Structure Fires

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Charleston, SC (January 6, 2016): The Charleston Fire Department responded to simultaneous structure fire incidents on Hagood Avenue and Savannah Highway earlier today. Please see the information below on each of these incidents.

- At 8:06 AM, units with the Charleston and Saint Andrews Fire Departments, Charleston Police Department, and Charleston County EMS were dispatched to a possible structure fire near the corner of Hagood Avenue and Ashton Street. First arriving fire personnel arrived on scene at 8:09 AM and reported fire and smoke venting from the rear of a two-story residential structure. Fire personnel began an interior attack on the fire and were able to bring the fire under control at 8:23 AM.

The residential structure was under renovation and unoccupied at the time of the fire. No injuries were reported. The Charleston Fire Department Fire Marshal Division responded to investigate the fire and determined the cause to be related to a failure of a droplight used for construction.

- At 8:15 AM, units with the Charleston, Saint Andrews, and James Island Fire Departments, Charleston Police Department, and Charleston County EMS were dispatched for a possible commercial structure fire at 1750 Savannah Highway. Fire personnel arrived on scene at 8:18 AM and reported smoke venting from the front of a multi-unit commercial structure. Fire personnel began an interior attack on the fire and were able to extinguish and contain the fire to a single unit. Fire, smoke, and heat damage was contained to the single tenant space which housed an electronics repair tenant.

An employee for a neighboring business was reporting to work when she noticed smoke coming from the rear of the tenant space and dialed 911. The Charleston Fire Department Fire Marshal Division responded to investigate the fire and determined the fire originated due to a soldering unit that was near combustibles. No injuries were reported.

"The simultaneous calls for service again proved the value of the automatic aid agreement and the strength of the regional partnership," said Deputy Chief John Tippet. "Units from multiple participating departments responded to the calls without hesitation. On scene commanders were quick to evaluate the incidents using knowledge gained from joint training to bring the incidents under control and without injury."

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