



## Chatham County Fire Department Responds to Two-Alarm Structure Fire

### For Immediate Release

**Chatham County, GA (April 12, 2026)** At 3:55 a.m., Sunday, April 12, 2026, Chatham County Fire was dispatched to the 1000 Block of King George Boulevard for a structure fire. District Chief 301, Battalion Chief 301, Safety 301, Engine 310, Engine 312, Engine 303, Squad 313, Squad 302, Truck 302 and Truck 307 and Engine 306 responded within 2 minutes. Upon arrival crews encountered heavy fire from the structure. At 4:03 a.m., Incident Command requested a second alarm and Truck 302 along with Squad 302 responded for additional fire suppression and mitigation efforts.

Chatham County Police were on scene, began evacuations of the structure, Officers Brandon Lowe and Thomas Belte assisted two victims who jumped from a third-floor window.

With the arrival of Truck 307 and Engine 303, crews deployed ladders to a heavily involved section of the structure. Captain John-William Farrell and firefighter Christopher Carter rescued three additional residents under extreme fire conditions.

Upon arrival, Truck 302 and Squad 302 began fire suppression with an aerial master stream while ground crews utilized attack lines to mitigate and contain fire. At 4:52 a.m., Incident Command noted a partial building collapse, and all personnel were accounted for without injury. The fire was declared under control at 5:44 a.m. and at 6:01 a.m., crews verified all units had been searched and confirmed all residents were accounted for.

In total, 22 units within the 24-unit structure were involved, five people were rescued including two children who were transported to Memorial University Medial Center. The Red Cross has been contacted to assist with resident displacement and the State Fire Marshal's Office is investigating the cause of the fire.

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