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**Chatham County Fire Department Responds to  
Early Morning Structure Fire on Leeward  
Drive**

**For Immediate Release**

**Chatham County, GA (April 18, 2026)** At 2:02 a.m., the Chatham County Fire Department was dispatched to Leeward Drive for a reported structure fire with possible entrapment.

Initial responding units included DC301, BC301, SAF301, E303, E310, SQ313, and T307. Upon arrival, firefighters encountered a heavily involved working fire and immediately began suppression operations and search efforts.

Due to the severity of the incident, Incident Command requested a Second Alarm, bringing additional resources including EN312 and EN306. Mutual aid assistance was also requested from Savannah Fire Department, with Engines 11 and 15 and BC3 responding to assist.

The fire extended to adjacent homes, impacting a total of three residences. Three residents were able to safely escape the primary structure prior to firefighters' arrival. Crews also rescued three kittens from the scene, and they were turned over to Animal Control.

In total, six residents were displaced as a result of the fire. American Red Cross was notified and is assisting those affected.

More than 40,000 gallons of water were utilized during firefighting operations, including the use of a master stream device. The fire was brought under control at 2:48 a.m., determined out at 3:21 a.m., after which crews remained on scene for overhaul and to address remaining hot spots.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

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