



BELMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT

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3 Alarms Transmitted for 2 Trapelo Rd.

At approximately 4:30 am on May 14, 2026 the Belmont Fire Department received a report of smoke coming from a building at 2 Trapelo Rd. Upon arrival firefighters found heavy smoke coming from a single story block containing 5 commercial occupancies. Firefighters made a rapid interior attack and determined the fire was located in the basement of the building. While gaining access to the basement level the first floor was determined to have lost structural integrity. All firefighters were withdrawn from the building and the floor immediately collapsed into the basement. Subsequently a second alarm was ordered, and shortly thereafter a third alarm was transmitted to bring additional personnel and fire apparatus to the scene. Firefighters then conducted a defensive firefighting operation containing the majority of fire damage to the occupancy of origin, while all units suffered extensive smoke and water damage.

As the fire was being contained a compromised natural gas line ruptured causing a gas-fueled fire that was controlled while National Grid Gas worked to shut of the gas supply at the street.

During the firefighting operations, one firefighter suffered a minor injury. He was evaluated and remained at the scene. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

We would like to thank our mutual aid partners who provided invaluable assistance in fighting this stubborn basement fire. Arlington, Cambridge, Newton, Watertown, and Waltham Fire Departments responded to the scene and the Lexington, Somerville and Winchester Fire Departments covered Belmont's fire stations.