LaGrange Fire Department Responds to Multiple Calls for Service

LaGrange, Ga. September 9, 2021 – The LaGrange Fire Department responded to numerous calls for service, specifically fire calls, Tuesday, September 7th. The first call was a reported structure fire at Whispering Pines Apartments, 1515 Hogansville Road, Apartment 94 where the occupants reported the smell of smoke. Units were dispatched at 2:02 p.m. and discovered a faulty exhaust fan in the bathroom had overheated and caused a small fire in the attic. Damage to the structure was minimal.
Firefighters were then dispatched to 1669 Lukken Industrial Drive West, Chromalloy Georgia at 2:21 p.m. for a reported structure fire and smoke inside the building. Units arrived on the scene and discovered a small fire inside the plant. It was determined that a box of filters stored too close to machinery caused the fire to ignite. Units remained on the scene an extended amount of time to remove the smoke from the building. There was no major damage to machinery or the structure as a result from this fire.

While units were still on this scene, Troup E-911 received a call for a reported vehicle fire at CVS, 300 Morgan Street. The Troup County Fire Department was requested to respond as mutual aid since all LaGrange fire units were still on scene of the Lukken Industrial fire call. Troup County fire units arrived on this scene and found a 2001 Toyota that caught on fire. The fire was extinguished by LaGrange Police prior to arrival of fire crews. The cause of this fire is listed as electrical in nature.

At 5:57 p.m., the LaGrange Fire Department was dispatched to another reported structure fire at 201 North Greenwood Street. A citizen walking on The Thread noticed smoke coming from the structure and called Troup E911. Units arrived on this scene and found light smoke coming from the house. Fire crews made entry through the rear of this residence, a below grade or lower level apartment and found where a fire had occurred in the kitchen area of this apartment. It is believed that the fire had suffocated itself out before fire units arrived on the scene. Hot spots were extinguished, primary and secondary searches were completed and the residence was ventilated. Damage was limited to the kitchen area of this apartment. The property was unoccupied at the time of the fire and is owned by the St. Mark’s Episcopal Church. The cause of this fire is also being listed as electrical in nature.
At 9:23 p.m. an evening thunderstorm produced lightning that struck the ground in front of a residence on Jefferson Street. No damage was caused to the residence but power was knocked out and there was light odor of smoke. No damage was found but as precautionary measures, the electrical meter was pulled until the residential wiring could be checked and deemed safe. The occupants were able to relocate to a family member’s home for the evening.

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