



General Order

Department of Fire & EMS

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Subject: Two Alarm, Farm Complex Incident- 3901 Hawks Hill Road (Cold Springs Farm)

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At 1223 on Tuesday, August 19 Carroll County ECC dispatched multiple Carroll and Frederick County units to a Barn Fire located at 3901 Hawks Hill Road in New Windsor. The complex is known as Cold Springs Farms and is a large dairy farm operation. First arriving units from New Windsor (station 10) arrived with a large barn - "fully involved" which was threatening multiple buildings and silos in the large dairy farm complex.

Chief 10 (Kreimer) arrived and assumed the "Hawks Hill Command" and immediately requested a second alarm which brought additional units to the scene. The initially involved structure exposed multiple buildings in the farm complex as well as adjacent silos. This is a rural water area with no fire hydrants, so water was supplied by establishing a "water shuttle" and utilizing multiple tankers. Heavy excavation equipment was brought to the location to assist in the significant salvage and overhaul of the fire scene. A total of 36 Fire & EMS units responded from DFEMS and Frederick County. A total of 80 personnel were on scene. These units included:

E101,
E81,E31,FE172,E141,TO3,ET84,FTT17,TT14,BR105,BC101,EMS103,M109,CS2,CF101,CF10,
TT6,ET94,FTT9,E32,FRE171,E142,E61,SU6,OPS100,E91,2NDALM,E92,E54,FE161,E12,L5,
TT1,ET44,A89,DTYFM,FD1

There were no livestock lost and no firefighter or civilian injuries. A great "team" effort by career and volunteer personnel both at the scene and with ongoing coverage of all county stations during this 8-hour incident. There were also eight chief officers on scene who worked under the Incident Commander to address a multitude of issues on this complex incident. A special note of thanks to the Department of Public Works -Fleet management who also sent a fuel truck to the scene to support apparatus during this incident.

The Maryland State Police Fire Marshall is leading the investigation to determine origin and cause of the fire and damages are \$500,000. My sincere thanks to all involved. Our system is working well!