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PRESS RELEASE

Date: April 12, 2015
Case Number: 15ES02021

April 12, 2015 at 5:33am the Essex Police Department received a 911 call reporting a structure fire at 1 Cherry St. Extension in the village of Essex Jct. The three story residential structure was fully engulfed when police officers arrived. A woman, in her 20's, was located unresponsive on the second floor. Officer Stephen Dunning, Essex Town Firefighter John Ouellette, Essex Jct. Fire Capt. Jim Kellogg, Essex Jct. Fire fighters Stephen Gragg and Dan McCaig had to cut a hole in the exterior of the house to remove the woman.

Once the woman was removed, Essex Rescue Crew Chief Mike Weinberg with first responders performed CPR. The woman was transported to UVM Medical Center where she remains in intensive care. Five others were transported to UVM Medical Center for smoke inhalation.

The following fire departments responded to the fire: Essex Jct., Essex Town, Colchester, Mallett's Bay and St. Michaels. The following rescue departments responded: Essex Rescue, Colchester, St. Michael's and Williston.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

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