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PRESS RELEASE

Swift Response by Crews in Daring Rescue and Fire Suppression Effort

EAST POINT, GEORGIA September 15th, 2023 - In a demonstration of bravery and professionalism, C Shift crews responded to a structure fire at 3116 Candlewood Dr. Upon receiving communications that an individual was still inside the building, Engine Company 3 (E3) was the first arriving apparatus and reported heavy smoke emanating from the unit. E3 assumed initial command and executed a rapid entry, discovering an unresponsive victim in the dining area near the fire.

Lieutenant Robert Paulus and Firefighter Reginald Etheridge acted with speed and rescued the victim, swiftly moving the resident to safety. Simultaneously, Engine Company 4 (E4) arrived at the scene and was tasked with rescuing the owner's large service dog from the living room area. Lieutenant Kyle Cooper and Firefighter Terrance Campbell promptly removed the dog who was also unresponsive.

Led by Battalion Chief George Toney, members from each crew immediately initiated emergency medical care for the unconscious victim and the dog. Engine Company 3 continued to combat the blaze, successfully extinguishing it, while Engine Company 4 and Ladder Company 1 (L1) searched the premises before assisting with overhaul. Although the kitchen and dining area sustained substantial damage, the crews effectively contained the fire within the unit of origin.

The victim and dog both regained consciousness and were subsequently transported to appropriate medical facilities for further treatment, without any further incident.

This extraordinary rescue operation and fire suppression effort highlight the exceptional courage and unwavering professionalism exhibited by all crew members. The successful outcome of this incident underscores the invaluable contributions of our first responders.

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