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### **PRESS RELEASE**

Structure Fire 7 Hell Hollow Road, Plainfield NH

On Monday, February 18, 2013, at approximately 12:00 midnight, homeowner Robert Descoteau of 7 Hell Hollow Road in Plainfield NH awoke to find an orange glow on his back porch. When he investigated, he found that a couch and other belongings on his back porch were on fire. Descoteau attempted to extinguish the fire by water and snow. As the fire became out of control, Descoteau attempted to call 911, however the fire had damaged his telephone lines. Descoteau left the property and drove to a friends house on Westgate Road and had them call for help, he then returned to the home and continued to fight the fire until the local fire department arrived on the scene.

Hanover Dispatch received a telephone call from Tina Lapan, she reported that her neighbor came in the home yelling his house was on fire and asked them to call for help. Lapan's husband a local firefighter responded while his wife called for help.

At 01:25 AM the Plainfield Fire Chief Currier arrived on the scene with visible fire from the exterior of the home. As additional personnel arrived from Plainfield, Meriden, Cornish Fire Departments the fire migrated in to the building. Using available resources the fire was knocked down and contained to porch and wall on the south side of the home.

The fire was reported under control at 01:59 AM hours by Plainfield Fire Chief Frank Currier. During an interview at the scene, Descoteau told investigators that he believed he attempted to put the fire out for about an hour or so before he left to get help. The source of the fire appeared to be from a woodstove used for heat in the home.

Plainfield Fire Department was assisted by Meriden, Cornish Fire Departments while Lebanon covered their station, Cornish Rescue and Windsor ambulance along with Plainfield Police also responded to incident.

Release Per: Paul Roberts, Chief of Police

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