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MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT:
3 rd Alarm Structure Fire	Friday, 08 April 2016 at 2026 hours
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:
16-0001872	8 Haswell Street
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NARRATIVE:

On Friday, 08 April 2016 at approximately 2026 hours, the Burlington Fire Department received multiple 9-1-1 calls for a report of a fire at 8 Haswell Street. The first engine on scene arrived three minutes after dispatch and reported heavy fire at the rear of the two-unit residential structure involving the first and second story porches. A second alarm was struck which was then elevated to a third alarm on arrival of the incident commander due to very close proximity of adjacent buildings. This brought all 20 on-duty Burlington Firefighters and 32 additional off-duty personnel to the scene. All fire was extinguished and the incident controlled within two hours of the call. Extensive overhaul efforts were required due to the balloon-frame construction of the building.

No firefighters or civilians were injured during the incident due to decisive actions by a citizen seeing the fire and alerting the residents to evacuate. The American Red Cross provided relocation services to 13 residents displaced by the fire. Mutual aid station coverage was provided by South Burlington, Winooski, and Malletts Bay Fire Departments.

This fire originated on the outside first floor rear porch of the two story wood framed structure. Damage is estimated at \$125,000. The property is owned by Eric Hamel and is valued at \$226,400 according to the City of Burlington property database.

This incident is under investigation by the Burlington Fire Marshal's Office. The cause is currently listed as undetermined. Anyone with information pertaining to this incident is asked to contact the Burlington Fire Marshal's Office at 864-5577.

