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## MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT:
3rd Alarm Structure Fire - UPDATE	Wednesday, 18 May 2016 at 0421 hours
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:
NFIRS #16-0002656	92-94 Hyde Street
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### NARRATIVE:

This release serves as an update to public information released to the media on-scene by Burlington Fire Department personnel on the morning of Wednesday, 18 May 2016 regarding the third-alarm structure fire at 92-94 Hyde Street:

The Burlington Fire Marshals Office in cooperation with the Vermont State Police Fire Investigation Unit and VT Division of Fire Safety have completed the investigation regarding the origin and cause of the fire at 92-94 Hyde Street.

This fire originated within a large plastic barrel containing recyclable bottles, cans, and ordinary combustible waste material (cardboard and paper) which was located in the first floor kitchen of 92 Hyde Street (the south unit of the residential duplex). This fire was ignited by cigarettes that were discarded into the container at an unknown time prior to the incident.

No suspicious circumstances were involved in this incident, and the cause of the fire is classified as accidental.

Property valuation and ownership information is available to the public through the City of Burlington property records database on the City website at [www.burlingtonvt.gov](http://www.burlingtonvt.gov). A final loss estimate has not been completed as of the drafting of this release, but the building is deemed a total loss due to significant fire, smoke, and water damage throughout.

Residents are reminded again of the importance of taking care when smoking and disposing of smoking materials within a building. If residents choose to smoke within their homes, extinguishment of cigarettes, cigars, or other smoking material should involve "field-stripping" the cigarette or cigar and placing the materials in water to fully extinguish the burning material.

Residents are also reminded of the consequences of tampering with, or removing, smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in residential living units and homes. These devices are not only required by Vermont State law and the Burlington Code of Ordinances, but most importantly are live-saving devices intended to alert sleeping occupants of the presence of smoke and fire; affording residents the opportunity for rapid recognition of the emergency and escape from the building without delay.

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