

New Bedford firefighters battle fire during rainstorm on Church Street

New Bedford Fire Department firefighters were called to 211 Church Street in New Bedford on a livewire down on a vehicle. When firefighters arrived, they discovered smoke coming out of the attic of the home at that address. Engine 8 personnel immediately attacked the fire.

Live Coverage:

One of the firefighters was struck by falling debris, knocking off his mask. The firefighter and his partner were able to exit the burning home with the injured firefighter going to St. Luke's hospital for treatment. He is expected to be released this evening.

According to NBFD Chief Gomes, the fire was a challenge as the **NBFD was also responding to a vehicle crashing into the water on Clark's Cove.**

Additionally, the rainstorm and 40-50 MPH wind gusts made the fire even more challenging.

Firefighters from Dartmouth, Fairhaven and Acushnet provided support.

The home is reported to have suffered damage to all three floors totalling \$100,000 in damage. All three floors are uninhabitable.

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