

INCIDENT REPORT — #00032 Westford - Barn Collapse



Essex County Technical Rescue Team

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Overview	Duration: 4 hrs 39mins
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Coordinates	42° 31.7794' N 71° 25.7474' W 19 N 300497 4711446
Address	6 Durkee Ln Westford Town of Massachusetts 01886 United States
Alerted	12:03 Fri 20th Feb 2015
Mobile	12:10 Fri 20th Feb 2015
On Scene	-
Finished	16:42 Fri 20th Feb 2015

Description	<p>Original Dispatch: 12:03:32 Feb 20, 2015: Activation: Teams B & A Address: DURKEE LANE City: WESTFORD Type: Collapse Rescue 1-800-301-9707</p> <p>Team B told to stand down immediately (Call was for assistance and guidance)</p> <p>Owner: Bobby Haigh Jr.</p> <p>Address: 6 Durkee Ln Westford Ma. 01886</p> <p>Phone: 978-869-0200</p> <p>On arrival (Thomas Harris), introduced my self to the incident commander and his staff and I asked what we could do to help. I was taken to the barn that has collapsed, where I meet the lieutenant from Westford inside the building with his crew ,were I found them doing supplemental shoring around the horse to protect it from any further collapse on to the horse. I was meet by John Weir and I assigned him to safety position, Russ Lewis was assigned inside operations , Glen Monigle was assigned rigging and lifting, Fred McCarthy was assigned the rear of the building as a second safety (due to the amount of snow) . Chief Warnock arrived on location and provided him with a brief update on what we were planning to do . We put two low pressure air bags on both sides of the horse head to protect him from any future collapse or injury to the animal. Westford fire fighters before our arrival ,cut the building in half (this section was the building in front of the horse appoxy 20 x 15 section) , this was done for access to the horse and make room for him to be able to walk out once we got the building off him. We provide Westford Firefighters with two of our lifting straps and our rigging manager to coordinate the removal of the building, this was done using a local front end loader. Lee Prentiss was assigned to use our search camera to look under the building for additional live animals(none were found alive) After removal of the first section of the building we were able to gain access to the animals head , still had additional building to remove off the animal, Second half of the building was cut using our air chisels and to make a lifting access point for lift straps, We used a local front end loader to hook lifting straps on and to pull building up and way from the animal, While all this was taking place we had a local veterinarian on hand to check on the live animal and to make sure what we were doing was not hurting the animal. After removal of the building and securing the structure the local veterinarian was allowed to attend to the animal. We located a second horse under the building and was pronounced dead by the local vet. After have a brief discussion with the local incident commander and our staff we terminated the rescue operations.</p> <p>Equipment used: 4 Low pressure airbags 4 high pressure airbags Pac 90 Air tool Pac. 40 Air tool 1 cut off saw 2 20ft. Tuflex 17000 choker round sling 2 8 Ft lifting straps (Yellow)</p> <p>DAMAGED</p> <p>2 - 20 Ft Turflex must be replaced do to tears in outer jacket and inner fibers.</p> <p>Private: Lessons Learned: Galvanized Steel Quonset Hut</p> <p>Pak Hammers - work best Lots of edge protection needed Lots of cribbing immediately</p>
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	Crane at the scene could have been more effective
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Activities	Animal Rescue (Assistance & Guidance) → Horse Rescue Collapse Rescue → Lifting & Moving, Low Pressure Air Bags, Shoring
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Resources

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Weather

Conditions	Clear. Feels: 1.3°F. Cloud Cover: 0.14%. Pressure: 1016.85mb		
Visibility	Good	Wind	W Force 1
Sea State	-	Sea Swell	-
Air Temperature	14.3 °F	Water Temperature	-
Snow Conditions	-	Cloud Base	-

Equipment

Vehicles	2 Trucks → GMC Top Kick - Rescue, Ford F700
Trailers	1 Squad 1 Trailer → Wells Cargo 18' Dual Axle
Slings and Chokers	2 20' Endless Roundslings → Tuflex 20' round sling

Attendance

Staging Officer	Bill Warnock Operations Liaison	12:03 Fri 20th Feb 2015	16:42 Fri 20th Feb 2015
Safety Officer	John Weir Squad 1	12:03 Fri 20th Feb 2015	16:42 Fri 20th Feb 2015
Rescue Operations	Russell Lewis Squad 3	12:03 Fri 20th Feb 2015	16:42 Fri 20th Feb 2015
Incident Command	Thomas Harris Squad 1	12:03 Fri 20th Feb 2015	16:42 Fri 20th Feb 2015
	Albert Del Dotto Squad 1	12:03 Fri 20th Feb 2015	16:42 Fri 20th Feb 2015
	Brian Wright Squad 1	12:03 Fri 20th Feb 2015	16:42 Fri 20th Feb 2015
	Carl Morrison Probie	12:03 Fri 20th Feb 2015	16:42 Fri 20th Feb 2015
	Fred McCarthy Squad 1	12:03 Fri 20th Feb 2015	16:42 Fri 20th Feb 2015
	Glen Monigle Squad 1	12:03 Fri 20th Feb 2015	16:42 Fri 20th Feb 2015
	Jonathan Burt Squad 2	12:03 Fri 20th Feb 2015	16:42 Fri 20th Feb 2015
	Kevin Farrell Operations Liaison	12:03 Fri 20th Feb 2015	16:42 Fri 20th Feb 2015
	Lee Prentiss Squad 1	12:03 Fri 20th Feb 2015	16:42 Fri 20th Feb 2015
	Paul King Squad 1	12:03 Fri 20th Feb 2015	16:42 Fri 20th Feb 2015
	Robert Stabile Squad 1	12:03 Fri 20th Feb 2015	16:42 Fri 20th Feb 2015
	Robert Wallace Probie	12:03 Fri 20th Feb 2015	16:42 Fri 20th Feb 2015

Signed:

Date: