



**CITY OF OLEAN MEDIA RELEASE OF TWO STRUCTURE FIRES ON JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> 2026**

At approximately 12:49 in the afternoon City of Olean Fire Department was alerted to a vehicle fire inside of a garage at 1620 North Union Street. Fire Department was on scene with two engines and one ambulance within two minutes of dispatch. Department personnel were met with a fully involved garage fire impinging on a neighboring structure. Fire crews stretched a hand line to knock down the fire while simultaneously limiting damage to neighboring structure. The fire was reported under control in initial structure and neighboring structure within five minutes. No civilians or fire department personnel were injured as a result of this incident.

The City of Olean Fire Department was assisted by Deputy 4 county coordinator and TransAm ambulance service on scene. City of Olean Fire Department would like to thank the swift action of the residents for activating 911 as well as the cooperation of neighboring residence during this incident.

In the same afternoon, at approximately 2:40pm, The City of Olean Fire Department was alerted to an odor investigation at 1145 East State Street. On location Fire Department Personnel were met by a staff member and a cleaner of the building noting a strong odor of something burning. On further investigation fire department personnel found fire in the ceiling of a storage room. Fire personnel located the bulk of the fire and knocked it down within six minutes of arrival. Fire crews on scene overhauled the area and checked for extension prior to releasing building back to business owner.

The City of Olean Fire Department would like to thank the occupants that noticed the initial odor and took swift action to activate the 911 system. This prevented further damage to the building and a potential complex incident.

Stay Safe,

Captain Veno

Lieutenant Livoto.