



CITY OF OLEAN – MEDIA RELEASE

Structure Fire – March 19, 2026

At approximately 12:59 a.m. on March 19, 2026, the City of Olean Fire Department was dispatched to a reported smoke and odor investigation at 450 Third Avenue.

Fire crews arrived on scene within three minutes of dispatch with two engines and one ambulance. Upon arrival, firefighters observed smoke and visible signs of fire coming from one of the two apartments in the structure. Crews were advised that the adjacent apartment had already been evacuated.

Firefighters forced entry into the affected apartment and located a room-and-contents fire in the kitchen area. The fire was brought under control and extinguished within six minutes of arrival.

Two occupants were temporarily displaced as a result of fire operations. There were no injuries to civilians or fire department personnel. The cause of the fire is under investigation at this time.

The City of Olean Fire Department was assisted on scene by the Olean Police Department. The department would like to thank a nearby resident for promptly activating the 911 system upon noticing signs of an emergency.

Captain Venno.