



TOWN OF KITTERY

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From: Suzanne Esposito, Communications Director

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RE: Press Release – Update on the Fire Incident at 85 US Route 1 Bypass in Kittery, Maine

At approximately 9:30 AM on Thursday, May 18, 2023, the State of Maine Fire Marshal's Office, led by Richard McCarthy, began their investigation of the fire incident at the Days Inn, located at 85 US Route 1 Bypass in Kittery, Maine. An excavator was brought on the scene to pull debris and help the Kittery Fire Department access hotspots that remain active at the site.

There are no longer any persons unaccounted for. One individual was found deceased at the scene. The other unaccounted-for person was found safe and away from the scene.

All employees of the hotel have been accounted for. It has been reported that the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard employees that were believed to be within the hotel have been found safe and accounted for by the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation at this time. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available from the State Fire Marshal's Office. The Kittery Fire Department will continue to monitor the building and address any remaining hotspots that are identified.

The Town of Kittery would like to thank the Fire Marshal's Office for their quick response and coordination.

Suzanne Esposito

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