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Fire Department

Press Release (For Immediate Release)

Incident Location: 60 Purchase Street, Rye, NY 10580

Incident Type: Structure Fire

Date: 01/28/2026

On January 28, 2026, at approximately 4:02 PM, the City of Rye Fire Department was dispatched to 60 Purchase Street for a report of smoke inside a commercial structure.

First-arriving units were on scene in under sixty seconds and found both businesses safely evacuated. Crews identified a small fire located on the roof at the rear of the building. An aerial ladder was positioned to the front of the structure, while ground ladders were deployed to the rear to provide access.

Firefighters opened and removed sections of roofing materials to reach the fire, allowing crews to extinguish all visible fire and check for any extension. The incident was quickly brought under control, resulting in minimal damage.

The Rye Police Department assisted by securing the scene, shutting down a section of roadway, and managing traffic. Auto-aid departments from Larchmont and Rye Brook responded to assist with checking adjacent structures for extension and securing a positive water supply. Additional resources from the Harrison and Purchase Fire Departments were relocated to Rye Fire Headquarters to provide coverage for additional calls and to remain readily available if needed.

The Westchester County Cause and Origin Team responded and investigated the incident. The fire was determined to be accidental in nature, originating from an attempt to remove ice from the roof and gutter area.

All units were returned to service by 5:35 PM.

The City of Rye Fire Department credits proper notification, a rapid response, and strong inter-agency coordination for the successful outcome of this incident. We extend our sincere thanks to the Rye Police Department and our mutual aid partners for their assistance and continued cooperation.

