

House Fire in New Canaan, Just Over the Border with Darien

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Darien firefighters joined firefighters in New Canaan and Wilton to battle a house fire on South Avenue in New Canaan late Sunday near the Darien town line.

At about 7:43 p.m. Sunday, New Canaan Fire Department members, career and volunteer, raced to the blaze at 986 South Ave. The road is state Route 124, which is Mansfield Avenue in Darien (see map below).

It wasn't immediately clear which structure caught fire or how — the property includes a 1790-built house and cottage, as well as a barn, tax records show. It also was not immediately clear whether anyone was injured.

Update: A Youtube video of the fire, posted Saturday by Greg Reilly:

According to First Selectman Rob Mallozzi, the fire was severe enough that embers from it caused a brush fire to the home directly to the north. Firefighters on scene were concerned about that brush fire reaching a home on the property, he said.

Firefighters from Wilton and Darien responded to the scene and Vista, N.Y. firefighters covered the New Canaan firehouse while all units responded to the South Avenue fire, Mallozzi said. The fire appeared to be under control by about 8:15 p.m., Mallozzi said.

“I believe it’s the house,” he said.

Of the response, Mallozzi said: “it is a huge turnout of New Canaan volunteer and paid professionals, plus other towns.”

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