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7-Year Old Child Dies at Astor Street Fire

Newark Public Safety Director Brian A. O'Hara reports that Newark Firefighters located the body of a 7-year old boy on the third floor during a fire at 65 Astor Street today.

Firefighters responded to a call of fire at the 3-story residence at approximately 4:50 a.m. The deceased child's father escaped the home through the front door and attempted to re-enter via the roof of 67 Astor Street. He was removed from the roof by Newark Firefighters via ground ladder.

The fire extended to two adjacent residences at 63 and 67 Astor Street.

The main fire building at 65 Astor Street was occupied by two adults and three children who were transported to University Hospital for treatment. 63 Astor Street experienced minor fire damage through the adjoining wall.

Three families have been affected, with three adults and four children being relocated.

The fire was considered under control at 5:15 a.m.

The cause and origin of the fire is under investigation by the Essex County Prosecutor's Office.



April 8, 2021 – Fire at 63-67 Astor Street, Newark