

# Esopus Fire Department

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## \* Press Release \*

On Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 2026 at 15:31 the Esopus Fire Department with an automatic response from the Port Ewen Fire Department were dispatched to a report of a structure fire in the area of 21 Ulster Avenue. While responding, a 2<sup>nd</sup> alarm was requested based on additional reports and a large column of smoke in the air. The first arriving unit was on scene within 5 minutes reporting a fully involved shed fire spreading to a barn and brush fire. The fire extended to 2 additional structures including 1 residence. In total, 4 structures were involved, 2, including the residence were extinguished by firefighters with minor damage. The brush fire consumed approximately 2 acres of grass and brush. Firefighters remained on the scene for 3.5 hours. The fire is currently under investigation by the Ulster County Fire Investigation Unit.

During this 3 alarm fire, Esopus Firefighters were assisted by the Port Ewen Fire Dept, Rifton Fire Dept, St. Remy Fire Dept, Highland Hose Company, Kingston Fire Dept, Milton Engine Comp, New Paltz Fire Dept, Ulster Hose Company #5, Ulster County Fire Coordinators Office, Town of Esopus Volunteer Ambulance Squad, Ulster County Sheriff's Office, New York State Police, New York State Dept of Environmental Conservation, Central Hudson Gas and Electric, Town of Esopus Building Department and the Ulster County Fire Investigation Unit.

Please remember that there is a burn ban in effect and conditions are dry and prone to brush fires. For more information about the burn ban please contact your local NYSDEC Office.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [contact@esopusfd.com](mailto:contact@esopusfd.com)