

Lannie Dobson - 37 Hartley St.

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Capt.,

We responded to day with E309 and S301 to 37 Hartley St for a CO detector sounding. It was a detector malfunction, and the detector was replaced with one from the CC Chiefs grant program. While metering the residence an excessive hoarding condition was encountered. There is a narrow path from the front door through the living and dining rooms to the kitchen and out through the back door. A narrow path is present on the stairway to the upstairs, where one of three rooms has a narrow path into it, the others are nearly completely occluded with belongings. I sat down with her and expressed my concerns. She acknowledges that there is a problem, but seems to struggle to overcome it. She displays classic symptoms of hoarding including having a storage locker off site that is also full, and a storage shed on the property that she doesn't want to open because she fears she may not be able to close it if she does.

I attended a class on hoarding about a year ago, and I think there is support for people who are affected by it. I don't know if we can refer her to them or not. I believe there is a program within the City. She lives alone, so it is a single occupancy dwelling. There is an excessive fire load, and interior operations in a fire would be extremely dangerous, if not impossible. The property is clean, there are no pets involved, no bad odors or dirty areas, just belongings packed 4 to 6 feet high alongside the paths. I was unable to walk through without dislodging a few items, and this was in station uniform. In turnout gear many items would have fallen.

The owner's name is Eileen Foster, and the phone number is 775-3024. She is very pleasant to speak with. She spends time at the American Legion hall and is friends with Ret. Capt. Dan Brown and David Perry.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Capt. Goodall