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LaGrange Firefighters Continue to Recover from Injuries



LaGrange, Ga. September 3, 2018 – Several LaGrange Firefighters continue to recover from injuries sustained from an early morning structure fire Monday.

Four firefighters sustained severe burn injuries and were transported to Grady Hospital in Atlanta. Pete Trujillo and Jordan Avera received second degree burns. Jonathan Williamson and Josh Williams sustained third degree burns.

Two firefighters, Jim Ormsby and Sean Guerrero received minor injuries.

To help support the families affected, a family friend set up a GoFundMe account. City leaders have confirmed this account is legitimate. The money raised will be distributed among all four firefighters.

<https://www.gofundme.com/injured-lagrange-firefighters>

Cards and donations can also be given to Dion Senn, the City of LaGrange Public Services Director at dsenn@lagrangega.org or (706) 881-4563. Senn plans to take the cards and donations to the firefighters on Friday.

Monday September 3, 2018 at 2:50 am, LaGrange Fire Department responded to a structure fire at 305 Revis Street.

The family living in the home escaped unharmed. The Red Cross was on the scene assisting the family.

While inside the house, the fire flashed and the four firefighters Trujillo, Avera, Williamson, and Williams had to jump through the windows to escape the 1200 degree fire.

“As evidenced today, no amount of training and safety procedures can eliminate the ever present dangers confronted by our firefighters,” said LaGrange Public Safety Chief Lou Dekmar.

“Our thoughts and prayers are with our injured firefighters and their families.”



305 Revis Street

The City of LaGrange wants to thank the Atlanta Fire Department for their support. They visited the LaGrange firefighters at Grady Hospital in Atlanta.

“When I visited each of the firefighters in Atlanta I was amazed at the upbeat and positive attitudes of these men and their families,” said LaGrange City Manager Meg Kelsey.

“I urge you to keep the Avera, Williams, Williamson and Trujillo families in your prayers.”

The origin and cause of the fire is currently under investigation.

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