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UPDATE

One LaGrange Firefighter Transferred to Augusta Burn Center

LaGrange, Ga. September 5, 2018 – The four LaGrange firefighters who were severely burned in a structure fire Monday morning continue their recovery.

One firefighter has been transferred to the Burn Center in Augusta for further treatment. The three other firefighters continue their recovering at Grady Hospital in Atlanta.

The firefighters who worked Monday's fire returned to work today - including James (Jim) Ormsby and Sean Guerrero who received minor injuries - were offered counseling services. City Manager Meg Kelsey, Public Safety Chief Lou Dekmar, and Deputy Chiefs John Brant, Phillip Rice, Willie Bradfield, and Chad Dallas treated the firefighters to lunch.



The firefighters who worked Monday's fire returned to work Wednesday

One of the two firefighters who received minor injuries from the fire, Ormsby, is available for an interview to all media who would like to interview him *TOMORROW* Thursday, September 6th at the LaGrange Fire Department, 115 Hill Street in LaGrange from 10-11a.m.

Ormsby helped to pull some of the injured firefighters out of the windows of the home during this event. He is willing to talk on camera but we are asking for your kindness and respect during this interview.

Our LaGrange Fire Department family as well as our entire city family is asking for thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Six firefighters were injured in the structure fire early Monday morning.

Four firefighters sustained severe burn injuries including Pete Trujillo, Jordan Avera, Jonathan Williamson, and Josh Williams. 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 can be sent to the LaGrange Fire Department at 115 Hill Street, LaGrange, GA 30241.

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

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

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