First Hose Company of Boonsboro, Maryland

HAZARDOUS BUILDING REPORT

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The vacated commercial building located at 125 Orchard Drive Boonsboro, Maryland 21713; also known as the GESAC Building or Old London Fog Building has been deemed as an UNSAFE STRUCTURE for interior firefighting operations. All other types of emergency operations shall be handled with extreme caution with safety in mind.

BY ORDER OF THE FIRE CHIEF, only defensive (outside) fire attack operations is to take place at 125 Orchard Drive Boonsboro, Maryland 21713. This vacated building has structural integrity issues, no operating stand-pipe or sprinkler system, scattered debris and machinery throughout the large open floor area, black mold inside the structure and weak roof supports.

Structure Details:

- THIS BUILDING IS CONSIDERED VACATED
- Building is a 1 ½ story with cinder block construction
- Building dimensions are 400’ x 200’
- Roof construction consists of a flat tar and chip roof with HVAC loads
- Exposed and rusted interior steel lattice roof joists
- Active water leaks throughout the structure
- Roof has open hatches
- Very large open floor space with scattered debris and stationary machinery
- Several exit doors have been blocked off with plywood
- Building is accessible for fire apparatus on all sides of the structure
- No working stand pipe or sprinkler system
- No electrical power to entire building

Exposures:

- There are no exposure problems that exist at the structure

Access and Water Supply:

- Orchard Drive runs between North Main Street and Saint Paul Street
- There is a >1500 GPM fire hydrant located at the entrance of the building
- There is a >1500 GPM fire hydrant located at 134 Orchard Drive
- There is a >1500 GPM fire hydrant located at 109 Orchard Drive
Side Alpha- looking from the A/B Corner

Side Bravo- looking from the A/B Corner
Side Charlie- looking from the C/D Corner

Side Delta- looking from the A/D Corner
Debris and hazards throughout the large open floor plan

Debris and black mold on concrete flooring
Black mold and exposed rotted steel lattice roof joists

Exit doorway blocked by plywood and debris