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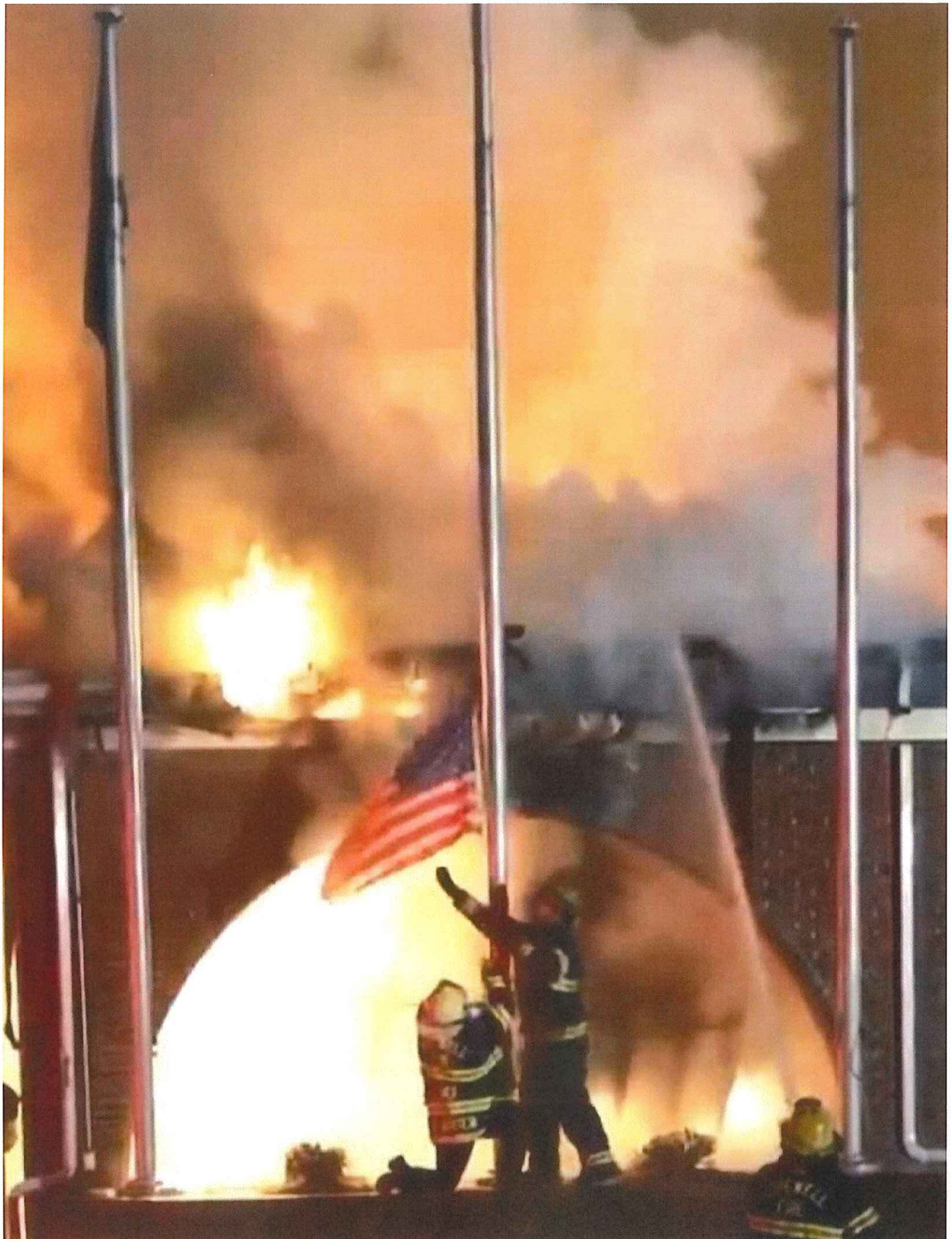
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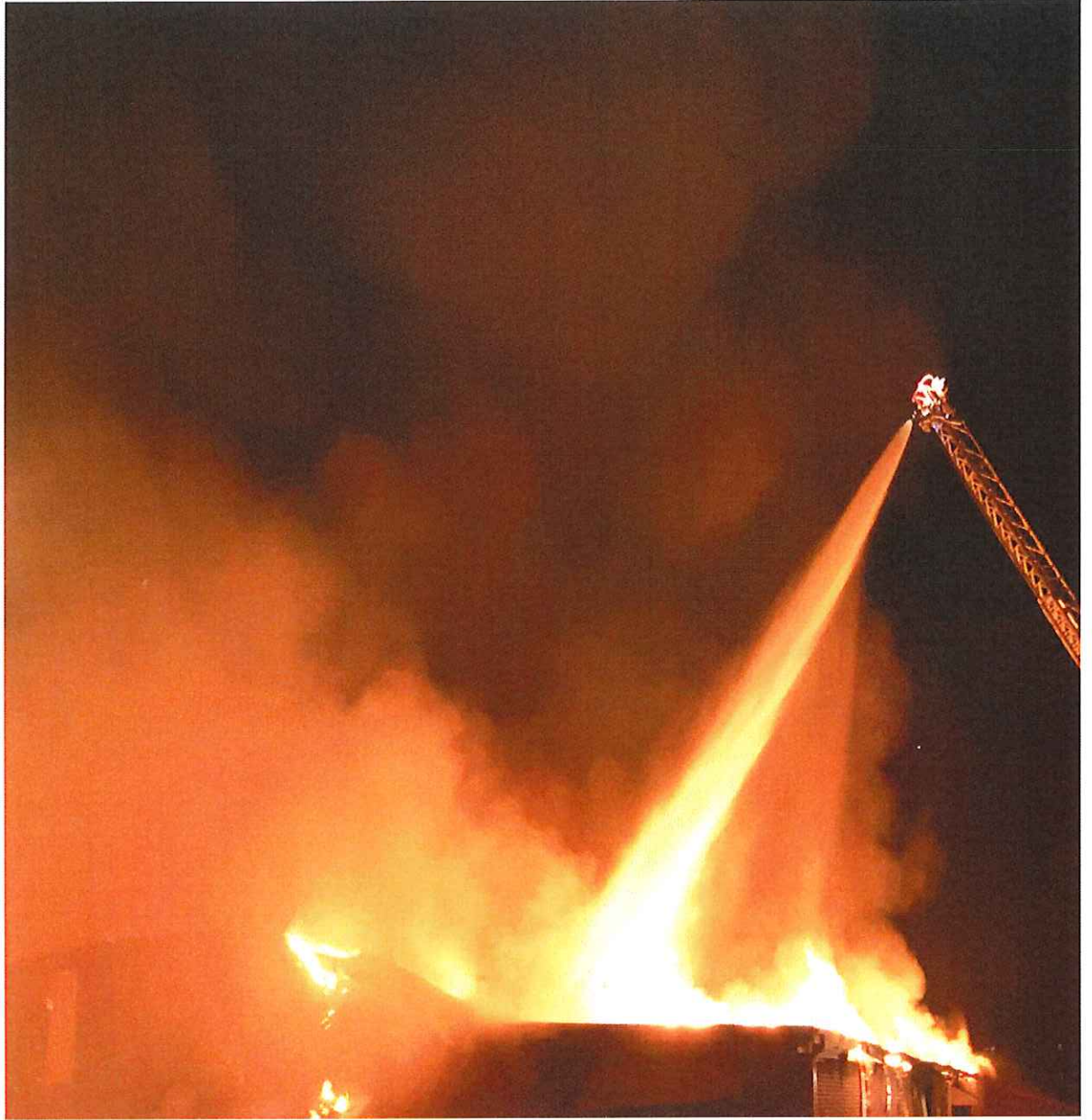
FIRE CONSUMES HOPEWELL MOOSE LODGE No. 1472

HOPEWELL, VA. The City of Hopewell Fire Department responded yesterday to a massive early morning fire that consumed the Hopewell Moose Lodge. No injuries were reported. “I’m very proud of our firefighters who worked so hard trying to save the building but in this case that wasn’t possible. We appreciate all of the positive programs and events the Hopewell Moose Lodge provides to our community. We will rally around them during this unfortunate incident” said Donald Hunter, Hopewell Fire Chief.

“I want to thank all of our Mutual Aid partners from Prince George County, Fort Lee military installation and the City of Petersburg who assisted with the fire. The cause of the fire is currently under investigation. The Hopewell Moose Lodge was constructed in 1965. The Loyal Order of Moose is a private organization that provide many benefits to the Hopewell community.”

The Moose Lodge hosts numerous community events to include the police annual memorial breakfast, veterans bike riders, bingo, valentine sweetheart dance, annual wine and cheese tasting event, kids movie night. In addition, the Moose Lodge also supports various charities for seniors, veterans and children. The Moose Lodge also visits and provide refreshments to the Fort Lee United Services Organizations (USO) clubs and McGuire Veterans Medical Center in Richmond, Virginia. The Moose Lodge also provides scholarships to high school students.







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