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Two Highland Park Firefighters were injured today, one getting critical burns while operating a fire at a multi-family dwelling. It should be noted that the media is reporting that 7 Firefighters may have made up the 1st alarm, but we haven't confirmed that as of yet.

The HP Firefighters went out at 0812 hours today (Saturday) and after arriving at the scene, Firefighter Jerome Brown was critically burned on his hands and face as he stretched a line. Initial/early reports are that he was wearing gloves and other unspecified protective gear. It is further reported that when he opened the nozzle, it caused very serious burn injuries to his head, according to an Officer of the HPFD. FF Brown was taken to Detroit Receiving Hospital where he was placed in intensive care in the burn unit.

Additionally, Firefighters were an hour into the fire when an evacuation order was given to leave the house when Firefighter Christopher Pikkanen, who was on the second floor was forced to jump because there were no stairs. FF Pikkanen broke two bones in his left foot and was treated in the emergency room at Detroit Receiving as well. Updates to follow.

**UPDATE: PA FIREFIGHTER LODD UPDATE:**

The PA Firefighter who died yesterday in the Line of Duty is John Palomino of the Scalp Level & Paint Volunteer Fire Company. FF Palomino joined the fire department in the fall after moving into the area. He was taking the 166 hours basic essentials class which is a requirement for any new member who wants to fight fires in that fire company. Again, our sincere condolences.

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

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