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Three Alarm Fire Injures Malden Firefighter

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Massachusetts - Malden firefighters battled a three-alarm blaze this morning that injured one firefighter and displaced at least four residents, fire officials said. On arrival we had a heavy fire in the attic, heavy fire in the basement throughout the whole structure, said Malden Fire Chief John 'Jack' Colangeli. "We had a report there was a student in the third-floor bedroom.

We did a primary search, but there's a lot of fire in that bedroom. On arrival we had a heavy fire in the attic, heavy fire in the basement throughout the whole structure. ... The primary search turned up negative. Now we have a report the occupant wasn't home."

A firefighter from Saugus was hospitalized with a non-life threatening injury battling the 5:30 a.m. blaze on Converse Way, fire officials said. Colangeli said state police arson investigators as well as the city's own fire investigation unit are looking into what caused the fire.

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