

UPDATED 10:45AM - VIDEO & PHOTOS - Fire in Kiryas Joel Hatzolah Garage

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6:00AM EST: (VIDEO & PHOTO LINKS AT END OF ARTICLE) A fire has reportedly broken out at the Kiryas Yoel Hatzolah garage a few minutes ago. Numerous FD and Hatzolah units arriving on location at the (53) Forest Road Hatzolah Headquarters report flames and smoke showing from the structure. Units are frantically attempting to remove all oxygen tanks from the building.

Further details will be posted shortly.

UPDATE 7:00PM EST: The fire originated in an ambulance parked inside the garage - totally destroying it, and causing damage to a second ambulance. There was minor extension to the garage, and there is heavy smoke and water damage as well.

UPDATE 10:45AM EST: Kiryas Yoel Hatzolah has just launched an emergency fund-raising campaign - and is reaching out to all the YWN readers if they can help out. The need for two new ambulances is urgent, as Kiryas Yoel Hatzolah has an arrangement with Catskills Hatzolah - to assist them in transporting patients down to NYC during the summer months.

Temporary arrangements are currently being made with Williamsburg & possibly Flatbush Hatzolah to loan Kiryas Yoel an ambulance or two, but this is only short-term. The summer

has just started, and the call volume in Kiryas Yoel triples - along with the constant transports coming from the Catskills, they are really in need of financial assistance.

To donate by credit card, please call 845-537-5100 (Levi Appel)

To donate by mail:

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