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Dozen-Plus Displaced After Fire Consumes East Boston Duplex

3-Alarm Fire Badly Damages 3-Story Wooden Home

Silver Spring, MD— [Fifteen to twenty people were left homeless Sunday](#) when a 3-alarm fire tore through a wooden, multi-family duplex in East Boston, Massachusetts.

The fire, which did an estimated \$500,000 in damages, comes at a time of increasing concern over the use of combustible building materials in low- to mid-rise residential structures, particularly in the Greater Boston-area, as there have been notable fires in [Waltham](#), [Dorchester](#), and [Weymouth](#) this year.

The devastation in Waltham was so immediate and intense that members of the City Council [voted unanimously](#) in August to call on the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to impose tighter restrictions on the size of wood-frame residential buildings via legislation.

As such, following Sunday's fire, Build with Strength, a coalition of the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association comprised of fire service professionals, community organizations, engineers, architects and industry experts committed to strengthening the nation's building codes. Issued the following statement:

"Resilient communities are dependent on durable foundations. As the people of East Boston look to rebuild, we encourage them to make fire safety a priority – and that means using non-combustible materials like concrete and steel – so that no family is forced to experience the pain of losing a home or loved one."

- Kevin Lawlor, spokesperson, Build with Strength

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