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## Crews responding to fire in the area of Long Avenue in Cheektowaga

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CHEEKTOWAGA, N.Y. (WIVB) - Multiple fire agencies were on the scene on Long Avenue in Cheektowaga extinguishing a fire that made its way through two different properties.

According to Pine Hill Fire Chief Dan Malkowski, the fire started at 44 Long Avenue - a vacant lot - when the flames from its garage spread to the surrounding area. 38 Long Avenue went up in flames; tenants there were able to make it out safely.

"Used to be a flower shop at one time and we've been trying for over a year all the neighbors here trying to get the county to tear it down and they wouldn't do nothing about it," said Steven Wiltsie, who lived at 38 Long Avenue.

"I mean we're both out you know, almost everything it's just awful," said Alexis Linck-Entwistle, another tenant in the building.

Steven Wiltsie and Alexis Linck-Entwistle were both home at the time and are thanking their neighbors for their help during this time.

"It's a terrible thing that we went through, but it's not that people were kind of there to give you support," said Linck-Entwistle.

About 10 different fire crews came to help extinguish the fire. Malkowski said some of them came after seeing the smoke from miles away.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

*This is a developing story, we'll have more information as it becomes available.*