

NEWS RELEASE

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Suspicious downtown apartment fire displaces twelve

Fire contained to one suite, no injuries

Summary

At approximately 10pm Wednesday evening, Nanaimo Fire Rescue crews responded to a structure fire in an apartment at 25 Front Street. Upon arrival, fire was showing from a second floor apartment. The crews attacked the fire from the outside prior to entering the building and containing it to the one apartment.

The three story building suffered smoke and water damage throughout. Twelve residents were displaced as a result, and have been supported by the City's Community Assistance Program volunteers. There were no injuries.

The fire is suspicious in nature. Nanaimo Fire Rescue and RCMP are jointly investigating this incident.

Strategic Link: The City of Nanaimo is committed to public safety.

Key Points

- Twelve residents of the apartment were displaced due to smoke and water damage.
- The fire was contained to the single suite and there were no injuries.
- The fire is being investigated as suspicious at this time. RCMP and Nanaimo Fire Rescue are investigating. The cause will be released when the investigation concludes.

Quotes

"It is very fortunate that fire sprinklers were present in this building. The sprinklers activated preventing the fire from spreading and allowing occupants to safely escape."

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