

NEWS RELEASE

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Late Night Fire Displaces Tenant

Summary

Nanaimo Fire Rescue responded to a late night fire on Strickland Street that displaced one tenant. The fire caused damage to the lower suite's kitchen area. When crews arrived, there was no evidence of smoke alarms working. RCMP and BC Ambulance were on scene. Emergency Social Services provided temporary accommodation for the displaced resident.

Strategic Link: Nanaimo Fire Rescue continues to protect the lives of all our residents.

Key Points

- This fire is currently under investigation by Nanaimo Fire Rescue.
- Working smoke alarms save lives. The smoke alarm may have alerted the occupant earlier and reduced the amount of damage.
- There were no reported injuries from people on scene.

Quotes

"Smoke alarms need to be checked monthly and replaced every 10 years. Just because there is a smoke alarm in your home, it does not mean that it will work when it needs to. This fire could have resulted in tragedy."

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Quick Facts

- Only 27 per cent of residential fires in Nanaimo are found to have a working smoke alarm.

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