

CITY OF DE PERE

Fire Rescue Department

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#####FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE#####

On Tuesday morning November 1, 2022, at approximately 9:00 am, De Pere Fire Rescue was dispatched to 1015 Coral Street, in the City of De Pere for a report of a fire in the 2nd bathroom of the upstairs apartment.

De Pere Fire Rescue and the Fox River Fire District responded immediately to the apartment complex to find a 2-story, wood frame construction, multi-family apartment. Fire crews arrived on scene within minutes and were able to extinguish the fire very quickly. Smoke alarms alerted the occupants, who call 911 and evacuated. The fire was confined to the bathroom where it started. No additional fire conditions were found in the attic or other adjoining apartments. All occupants had evacuated safely prior to fire departments arrival. Fire and smoke damage was limited to the 2nd floor.

All responding units included, four engines, one ladder, one ambulance, three command cars and approximately 20 firefighters from the area responded to the call. The departments assisting De Pere were from Ashwaubenon, Green Bay, Ledgeview, and County Rescue.

No injuries were reported from the fire. The apartment complex owner was contacted, and the scene was turned back over to the occupants. The occupants are receiving help from the American Red Cross and family. The estimated damage is approximately \$10,000.

After investigation by De Pere Fire Rescue, it was determined the fire started in the bathroom exhaust fan. It is undetermined what caused the exhaust fan to start on fire. De Pere Fire Rescue wants to remind everyone to check their smoke detectors and batteries to confirm they are working every 6 months. It is important to have working smoke detectors to save lives and property.

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