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**SINGLE FIRE SPRINKLER SAVES APARTMENT BUILDING**

*No Residents Displaced From April 27 Fire at Meridian Pointe*

On Sunday, April 24 at approximately 10 p.m., the Burnsville Fire Department responded to a water flow alarm at the Meridian Pointe Apartment complex on the 200 block of McAndrews Road West.

Responding fire crews found the building partially evacuated, and were told that a dumpster was on fire in the trash room, located in the building's basement area garage.

Crews entered the garage area where they found an active dumpster fire. The fire was mostly contained by the activation of a single overhead fire sprinkler. Crews rapidly extinguished the remaining burning debris, shut down the building's fire sprinkler system to limit any additional damage and began removing smoke from the building.

Fire investigators noted that the building sustained virtually no fire damage as a result of the building's working fire sprinkler system.

"A single fire sprinkler head, which cost approximately \$20, kept this fire under control until firefighters could arrive to extinguish it," said Burnsville Assistant Fire Chief Douglas Nelson. "A properly installed and working fire sprinkler system provides the highest level of fire safety for building residents and homeowners."

Investigators note that in this case, a \$20 sprinkler head protected the lives and personal property of more than 200 residents, as well as the apartment building valued at more than \$17 million.

*The cause of the fire remains undetermined after investigation. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Burnsville Fire Department at 952-895-4570.*

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