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**FIRE SPRINKLER AND CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM SAVE LIVES AND PROPERTY  
DURING TWO SEPARATE INCIDENTS AT SOUTHWIND VILLAGE APARTMENTS**

**Fire Sprinkler Save, Arson Suspected**

On Friday, June 10 just before 1 a.m., the Burnsville Fire Department responded to a water flow alarm at the Southwind Village Apartments complex located on the 15000 block of Greenhaven Drive.

Crews were notified prior to arrival that an active fire was burning in one of the apartment unit bedrooms. Upon entering the unit, Burnsville Fire found that an overhead sprinkler had controlled the fire – and crews were quickly able to extinguish what was remaining.

The fire damage was contained to the interior of the room’s closet. One person was asleep in the bedroom where the fire occurred, but was able to quickly escape without injury. Two residents were displaced due to the damage.

Investigators have determined that this was an arson fire. No arrests have been made at the time of this press release, and the fire remains under investigation. However, 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 was located in the area where the fire started, kept this fire under control and allowed a resident to escape without injury” 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.”

*Anyone with information about this fire is asked to contact the Burnsville Fire Department at 952-895-4570.*

**Two Buildings Evacuated Due to Carbon Monoxide**

Five days later on June 15 at approximately 1:40 p.m., the Burnsville Fire Department was once again called to Southwind Village Apartments by a resident reporting that their carbon monoxide alarm was sounding.

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Upon arrival, Burnsville Fire crews found high levels of carbon monoxide in the 15251 building's underground parking garage, and in the hallways leading to several apartments.

Crews evacuated the building and called for additional assistance from the Apple Valley and Lakeville fire departments. Responders then began the long process of checking and ventilating every unit in the building.

As fire crews were ventilating the building, additional 9-1-1 calls came in indicating that another building in the complex – 15051 – was also reporting potential carbon monoxide problems.

A Burnsville fire crew responded to the second building and again found high carbon monoxide levels in the parking garage. The garage and several apartment units in this building were also then evacuated and ventilated.

All residents were allowed back into the buildings several hours later, once it was determined that all carbon monoxide had been removed from the buildings.

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