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APARTMENT FIRE DISPLACES RESIDENTS AT SHALIMAR ESTATES

On Friday, Aug. 5 just before 4:30 p.m., the Burnsville Fire Department responded to a reported structure fire at the Shalimar Estates Apartments on the 13000 block of Parkwood Drive.

Upon arrival, fire crews found a working fire in a second-floor unit, as well as a building resident who was trapped on the second-floor balcony.

Responders quickly rescued the resident, and were then able to quickly extinguish the fire. Three units in the building sustained smoke and/or water damage, and one unit sustained heavy fire damage. All three units will be unable to be occupied for a significant period of time.

Fire investigators noted that the building was not equipped with a fire sprinkler system, which would have limited the severity of the fire by containing it prior to fire department arrival.

“A single fire sprinkler head located in the area where the fire started would have likely kept this fire under control – or even extinguished it prior to our crews arriving on scene,” said Burnsville Assistant Fire Chief Brian Carlson. “A properly installed and working fire sprinkler system provides the highest level of fire safety for building residents and homeowners.”

Burnsville Fire was assisted on scene by mutual-aid fire crews from Eagan and Apple Valley, as well as Allina EMS. The Red Cross responded to the scene and assisted a number of displaced occupants seeking temporary shelter.

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

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