



## PRESS RELEASE

### **Type and Description of Incident / Fire:** Fire in an apartment building.

At 0248 hrs Engines 3, 1, Ladder 4 and Car 1 were dispatched to 21 Linlew Dr for a Master Box Alarm (direct tie to the FD). On arrival crews noted alarms were sounding, the building was partially evacuated and fire could be seen through a basement level window. A maintenance man exited the building and reported a fire in the boiler room and smoke throughout the building.

Derry Engine 2, Medic 1 and Derry Police were requested to the scene. Crews utilized a large dry chemical extinguisher to extinguish the fire and shut down the oil feed to the boiler. A hose line was stretched as a precaution as crews searched for fire extension into the structure. Additional crews were utilized to evacuate residents who did not self-evacuate when the fire alarm went off.

Low levels of Carbon Monoxide and Hydrogen Cyanide were present in the smoke throughout the building. A warming center was opened at the Club House (18 Linlew Dr) to give the residents a place to keep warm (It was 5 degrees Fahrenheit without the wind-chill).

The building was re-occupied after ventilation was complete. The Furnace repair company estimated 2 hours to get heat back to the building. The Club House remained open until all residents had heat and hot water. The building was turned over to property maintenance.

### **Damage To Property:**

Fire damage was limited to the boiler, pipes and chimney. Smoke throughout the structure was cleared with ventilation fans.

**Injuries To Fire and Non-Fire Personnel:** There were no reported injuries.

### **Additional Remarks:**

The Communications Center dispatched simultaneous incidents in two surrounding communities while this incident occurred. Residents are reminded of the importance of evacuating the building when Fire alarms Sound.

Incident #	<b>2016-0047</b>	Time of Alarm	<b>0248 hrs</b>
Date of Incident:	<b>January 5, 2016</b>	Time "Under Control"	<b>0306 hrs</b>
Incident Address:	<b>21 Linlew Dr</b>	Recall of Alarm	<b>0408 hrs</b>

Fire Officer Submitting Release: **Battalion Chief Scott Haggart** Date: **01/05/2016**

Signature of Fire Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

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