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Apartment Building Fire with Entrapment in Frederick

(Frederick, March 10, 2020) – Fire and Rescue units were dispatched around 12:37 am to a reported apartment building fire with entrapment in the 6400 block of Mercantile Drive in Frederick. Crews enroute to the scene were advised that people were trapped in apartments and a Rapid Intervention Dispatch was requested. Units arrived to find fire showing from all three (3) floors and roof of the apartment building. Crews encountered multiple occupants to be rescued from apartments and balconies. A 2nd Alarm and EMS Task Force were requested for additional resources. DFRS personnel were able to remove all the occupants from the apartments and balconies. Medical aid was rendered to all occupants in need. Two (2) occupants were transported to Frederick Health Hospital and one (1) occupant was transported to Meritus Medical Center all in stable condition. One (1) Firefighter was also transported to Frederick Health Hospital and was treated and released. It took approximately 100 firefighters about 60 minutes to bring the fire under control and an additional 3 hours to perform overhaul. The fire affected Fifteen (15) apartments and a total Thirty (30) apartments in the building due to power and water being shut off. Red Cross is on the scene to assist the occupants.

The origin and cause of the fire and estimated damage remains under investigation by the Frederick County Office of the Fire Marshal.

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