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3-Alarm Building Fire in Downtown Frederick

Building housing commercial and residential units goes to 3-Alarms

FREDERICK, MD (August 25, 2022) – At approximately 9:38 p.m. on Wednesday, August 24, 2022 the Frederick County Emergency Communications Center dispatched a call for a reported multi-family dwelling fire in the unit block of W Second Street in downtown Frederick. Within minutes crews arrived on scene and reported fire showing from the rear of a 3-story multi-use building comprised of commercial and residential units. A rapid intervention dispatch was requested as crews began working immediately to extinguish the fire, enter the structure, and perform searches of all three floors. Fire continued to spread rapidly leading to a second, and eventually third-alarm. Over 120 personnel from Frederick, Washington, and Montgomery counties along with Hagerstown City and Ft. Detrick worked for over 4 hours to declare the fire under control and remained on scene for an additional 2 hours to extinguish hotspots and perform overhaul. The first floor of the building was comprised of commercial space and the second and third floor was home to 4 separate apartments. All residents from the apartments who were home at the time of the fire were able to safely evacuate without injury. 1 cat, 2 rats, and a pet snake perished in the fire however, several birds were able to make it out safely. The American Red Cross is assisting the 8 adult occupants who were displaced by the fire. The estimate of damage and cause of the fire remains under investigation by the Frederick County Fire Marshal's Office.

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Additional photos of the incident can be found on Facebook @FCDFRS, Twitter, and Instagram.

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