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(Most Probable Cause of Two-Alarm Apartment Fire Determined)

A TVF&R fire investigator has confirmed that last Monday's two-alarm fire at the Sterling Point Apartments (14155 SW Teal Boulevard, Beaverton) began in a 20 x 20 foot garage attached to building 52. The investigation revealed that the most probable cause was a portable clamp-on style light coming into contact with an upholstered chair. The heat from the light ignited the upholstery and spread to nearby combustibles in the garage.

The garage and its contents were completely destroyed. In addition, the fire caused damage to four apartments above and adjacent to the garage, as well as the building's attic space. Damage from the fire is estimated at approximately \$200,000.

Due to the age of the complex, the building was built without the protection of a sprinkler system. The displaced tenants - some of which had renters insurance - are being relocated within the apartment complex.

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