



NEWS RELEASE

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(Two-Alarm Fire Damages Beaverton Apartments)

At 11:28 am today, firefighters from Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue were dispatched to a fire at the Sterling Point Apartments in Beaverton (14145 SW Teal Blvd). When crews arrived they found a fully involved garage, fire in a second-story apartment unit built above the garage, and fire in the attic space of Building 52. Firefighters confirmed that all occupants were out of the building and focused on extinguishing the large body of fire. A second-alarm was called due to concerns about the fire spreading throughout the attic space, threatening multiple apartments in Building 52.

Although firefighters had the fire under control within 40 minutes, they continued to extinguish hot spots in the walls, ceilings and floor spaces of the apartments adjacent to the garage for over an hour. There were eight apartment units in Building 52, four of which sustained heavy fire, smoke and/or water damage. Eleven tenants were initially displaced, some of which may be let back into their unit once electrical power is restored at the east end of the building (to four units).

There is no fire cause or damage estimate at this hour. 'Due to the age of the building, it had no sprinkler system.

Although it did not compromise the operation or result in a delay of response, access to the scene was a challenge due to narrow driveways throughout the complex with carports on each side, and numerous tenants leaving in their vehicles and/or standing in the driveway.

Approximately 40 firefighters responded to the incident, including one unit from the City of Lake Oswego.

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