

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **(Beaverton Apartment Fire Displaces Sixteen)**

Around 7:30 p.m. Thursday evening, firefighters from Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue and Hillsboro Fire Department responded to reports of flames coming from an apartment at the St. Charles Court apartment complex located at 2301 NW Schmidt Way in Beaverton.

When firefighters arrived, there were flames spreading quickly from a second-story apartment to adjacent units. Fortunately all the tenants from the building had already safely evacuated and firefighters were able to quickly attack the fire from inside and outside the building.

Despite quick calls to 9-1-1, rapid emergency response and aggressive fire suppression, six apartment units sustained significant fire, water and smoke damage. The American Red Cross and the complex's property manager helped tenants with temporary shelter, and fire investigators will continue to conduct witness interviews and process the fire scene to determine what caused the fire. It has been confirmed that the fire started in a second story apartment.

There were no injuries as a result of this single-alarm fire.

