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### **180 BRIDGE STREET, BURLINGTON, WI**

**CITY OF BURLINGTON, WI.** - On Thursday, August 13, 2020 at approximately 12:33 hours, The City of Burlington Fire Department and Police Department responded to a report of a general fire alarm at 180 Bridge Street. Upon arrival, the multi-unit apartment complex was being evacuated as the sprinkler system was activated on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Additional units from the Town of Burlington Fire Department and Rochester Volunteer Fire Company also responded.

Incident Command requested mutual aid from surrounding departments securing supplementary resources at the scene as well as units for additional emergency calls in the city. Multiple agencies assisted the City of Burlington Fire Department including Rochester, Town of Burlington, Lake Geneva, and Salem Lakes. Lake Geneva Fire Bells responded and provided rehab support for first responders. We Energies also responded providing support.

All occupants were safely evacuated from the multi-unit apartment complex with one resident sustaining burns and being transported to the hospital. Residents were escorted to collect necessary essentials, including pets, and were provided housing elsewhere until the investigation is completed and the building is deemed safe for re-entry. Damage estimates are not available at the time of this release as the incident remains under investigation.

The activation of the fire sprinkler system stopped the fire from engulfing the third-floor unit within minutes and expanding quickly to the other apartments. Without the fire sprinkler system in place, the aftermath would have been devastating, resulting in serious risk to life or even total property damage.

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