



News Release

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Leishman Road apartment fire sends two to hospital, severely damages two units

Two people were transported to hospital due to smoke inhalation and two apartment units were severely damaged during a fire January 22 on Leishman Rd.

At 5:07 p.m. Campbell River Fire Rescue received multiple calls of a structure fire at 381 Leishman Rd. When fire fighters arrived, the fire was underway on two floors in two apartments of the 14-unit building.

"This fire was well underway, and it was challenging to keep it from spreading beyond the first two units," says Fire Chief Ian Baikie. "The scope of this incident required 29 fire fighters, three fire engines, one ladder truck, one rescue truck and one command unit."

Damage is estimated at \$400,000.

Occupants from the two fire-damaged apartments and two adjoining apartments were displaced by the fire overnight. Emergency Support Services has arranged food, shelter and clothing for the people from these four apartments.

Fire fighters also rescued two cats from one of the units.

"The Fire Department also appreciates the assistance of BC Ambulance Service, BC Hydro and the RCMP for people affected by the fire," adds Fire Chief Baikie. "Campbell River Fire Rescue would like to remind residents to make sure they have working smoke alarms in their homes and to test these devices regularly."

The cause of the fire is under investigation, but does not appear to be suspicious.

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