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Fire crews kept busy

Along with a fire on Nunns Rd. earlier this week, Campbell River Fire Rescue was busy with additional fire calls this week.

On the evening of Feb. 3, fire crews responded to a call about a fire in the commercial cooking area of the Dairy Queen restaurant on 16th Avenue.

“When crews arrived they found smoke throughout the restaurant and a small fire under the deep fryer,” says Deputy Fire Chief Thomas Doherty. *“Staff on site were quick to react to the fire by cutting off the power to the deep fryer, and they attempted to extinguish with a portable extinguisher.”*

No injuries were reported, and damage was isolated to the deep fryer, with the restaurant back in business the next day.

On Wednesday evening, fire crews responded to alarms ringing in an apartment complex in the 600 block of South Island Highway.

“While responding, crews were updated that smoke was visible in the hallways of the four-storey complex, and when crews arrived they confirmed smoke in the first-floor hallway,” says Doherty. *“Upon further investigation, they found a pot was left on a stove with the element on in one of the units.”*

The fire was contained to the pot on the stove and was removed from the unit. Fire crews remained on site to ventilate the building.

“The fire department commends the residents and building manager on site for exercising their fire safety plan and evacuating the building when the alarm sounded,” Doherty adds.

Campbell River fire fighters remind the public to practice their home fire safety drills and evacuation plans regularly and to establish a safe meeting place or assembly area outside the building.

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