



## News Release

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### **Apartment fire displaces 86 people, emergency support services helping with immediate needs**

Two firefighters suffered minor injuries, and 86 people were displaced by an apartment building fire at the corner of Dogwood Street and 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Campbell River. All building occupants are currently being supported by emergency support services.

*“The fire burned on three floors of the four-storey building, and damage is extensive,” says fire chief Thomas Doherty. “No one will be living there for the foreseeable future, and at this time, all occupants of this building are getting immediate needs for shelter and other supplies from emergency support services.”*

The fire department responded to a call about the fire at 4:23 a.m. and encountered heavy fire in a unit on the second floor at 645 9<sup>th</sup> Ave.

*“Most people were able to escape the building on their own, but firefighters rescued four people from the building, two from the main floor, one from a second floor balcony and one from the fourth floor,” Chief Doherty says. “While fire fighters were in the building to ensure no occupants remained inside, two suffered minor injuries when part of the third floor collapsed, and they fell through to the floor below.”*

The fire began in a unit on the second floor. Cause of the fire has not been determined.

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