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DATE: 11/23/2021

SUBJECT: Over 20 people displaced due to sprinkler break in Goat Hill neighborhood apartment building

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NATURE OF INCIDENT: Water damage

CASE NO.: 21-13237

INCIDENT DATE: 11/23/2021

INCIDENT TIME: 11:53 a.m.

INCIDENT LOCATION: 1300 block of West 3rd Street

Over 20 people displaced due to sprinkler break in Goat Hill neighborhood apartment building

[Duluth, MN] Over twenty people have been displaced after a sprinkler pipe broke in an apartment unit located on the 1300 block of West 3rd Street. Crews from the Duluth Fire Department were dispatched just before noon on Tuesday, November 23, after the tenant reported that her ceiling had collapsed due to flooding. Once on scene, crews reported that those who were at home had self-evacuated.

Crews entered the unit that had reported the ceiling collapsed to investigate the cause of the flooding. Crews began then checking additional units and found an additional unit with ceiling damage that had partially collapsed. Due to the extent of the flooding, all tenants in the building were temporarily displaced.

Water and power were turned off to stop any further damage.

Unfortunately, the damage was more extensive than initially thought and caused additional flooding in several other units.

Duluth Fire Department crews remained on scene to mitigate any further water damage and remove standing water from impacted units.

In total, all thirteen units have been temporarily displaced until water damage can be fixed. The management company is assisting tenants until the damage can be repaired.

Damage is estimated at \$350,000. No additional information is available at this time.

Crews from Headquarters responded to the call.

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