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DATE: 12/20/2017

SUBJECT: Structure Fire

BY: Duluth Fire Assistant Chief's Office

NATURE OF INCIDENT: Stucture Fire

CASE NO.: 2017-00013365 INCIDENT DATE: 12/20/2017 INCIDENT TIME: 07:35

INCIDENT LOCATION: 2001 W Superior St

AT 07:35 this morning, the Duluth Fire Department responded to a structure fire at 2001 W Superior St. Upon arrival, crews found smoke in the 3rd floor hallway. The apartment building was being evacuated during our arrival. Crews found a kitchen fire in one of the apartments on the third floor. The fire was primarily extinguished from the activation of the Fire Sprinkler Suppression System. The resident of the involved apartment was assisted out before we arrived. He suffered smoke inhalation and was sent to the hospital. Primary and secondary searches were completed, and residents were accounted for. Residents were allowed to remain in lobby until the smoke was cleared from the 3rd floor.

The fire caused extensive damage to 1 apartment and 5 other rooms had water damage from the sprinkler activation. Initial damage estimates are \$25,000 for the structure, and \$4,000 for contents.

There was no firefighter injured. The occupants were able to return to their apartments. The American Red Cross assisted in housing for some of the residents. The Duluth Fire Marshal's office is investigating the cause of the fire.

Fire companies from Headquarters Station, Lincoln Park Station, and Spirit Valley Station responded on the initial call. Fire crews remained on scene for just over two hours. Duluth Police Department, Gold Cross Ambulance were on scene assisting.

No further information is available at this point.