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**DATE: 09/29/2014**

**NATURE OF INCIDENT: Structure fire at 14 N. 18th. Ave. W.**

**CASE NO.: 14-008842**

**INCIDENT DATE :09/29/2014**

**INCIDENT TIME: 13:18**

**INCIDENT LOCATION: 14 N. 18th. Ave. W.**

**SUBJECT: Structure Fire**

**BY: D.F.D. Assistant Chief's office**

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At 13:18 today the Duluth Fire Department responded to a report of a fire in a multi- apartment building, a second alarm was called due to possible occupants and need for firefighters. I arrived on scene to find heavy black smoke coming from a broken apartment window and smoke near the roofline. Initial crews went in with attack lines and very soon determined this fire was in a localized area, and the firefighters kept it to a room and contents fire. The second alarm assignment was cancelled, and we continued with fire attack and search and rescue. Reports of possible occupants in the apartments were confirmed negative. All persons were able to evacuate the building by themselves. The fire was contained and salvage and overhaul procedures started to search for hidden fire. Gold Cross ambulance service was on scene to provide service if needed. Duluth police was also on scene to provide traffic control and area watch. A Duluth Police arson investigator was called to the scene to help start the initial fire investigation. Three persons were displaced from two apartments, so Red Cross was called to set up these persons with lodging in an area motel. Initially twenty seven firefighters were called to the scene, but this was reduced to twenty with the cancelling of the second alarm. Initial building damage is estimated in excess of \$ 30,000 dollars. This fire is under investigation by the Duluth Fire Department, Fire Marshals office.