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DATE: 9/23/2018

SUBJECT: Structure Fire

BY: Assistant Fire Chief, Chris Martinson

NATURE OF INCIDENT: Structure Fire

CASE NO.: 18-009823 INCIDENT DATE: 9/23/2018 INCIDENT TIME: 4:42 P.M.

INCIDENT LOCATION: 1099 88th Ave W.

At 4:42 this afternoon the Duluth Fire Department responded to a report of smoke filling up the main hallway at Spirit Lake Manor with a confirmed fire in an apartment. Fire rigs arrived on the scene with smoke showing near the apartment building and a fire on the main floor. People were evacuating the building as fire crews used hose lines to knock the flames down and put the fire out, but moments before that, the building manager assisted by another tenant pulled the woman from her apartment from her outside main floor window, certainly saving her from great bodily harm, they both should be congratulated for that action. Firefighters remained on the scene for over two hours.

The woman from the fire damaged apartment was seen and examined by Gold Cross Ambulance and was not transported. All other tenants were able to remain in their apartments. Initial damage for this fire is listed as \$15,000 for the structure and \$25,000 for the contents including smoke damage and odor throughout the western side of the apartment building.

The Duluth Fire Marshal's office was on the scene and investigated this fire, the cause has not been released and is under investigation, any later statement will be released by the Duluth Fire Marshal's office.

Fire companies from Gary, West Duluth, Lincoln Park and Headquarters downtown responded to this fire. Duluth Police and Gold Cross Ambulance were also on the scene.