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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

On Friday, September 6, 2019 at 11:33 p.m., the Park Ridge Fire Department responded to an activated fire alarm in Park Ridge Pointe, at 1705 Pavilion Way. Per RED Center, several residents were reporting smoke in the building as fire units were responding. Upon arrival, crews were met by occupants of the structure who reported smoke in the ground level parking garage and on the 3rd floor. One company went to the garage to investigate and found a burning odor and water leaking through the ceiling. Additional companies went to the second floor and made entry to the unit located above where water was coming through the ceiling into the garage. Upon entry, the crew observed a burning odor along with a smoky haze. The unit was searched and found to have no fire or active sprinkler heads flowing water. They then made entry to the adjoining unit. Crews found the presence of water and an extinguished fire that had occurred in the unit's bathroom. The fire sprinkler system had activated (only one sprinkler head), and had prevented the fire from spreading throughout the structure. Most importantly, no residents or fire personnel were injured.

This successful activation of a fire sprinkler system limited the damage to the structure and its contents. While fire sprinklers are designed with life safety in mind, they typically use a fraction of the water that fire hoses do in order to contain a fire, thus protecting property as well. Since 2001, fire sprinklers have been a requirement in all new construction in Park Ridge, including single-family homes.

Please check out this website for more information on residential fire sprinklers:
<http://www.firesprinklerassoc.org/>

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