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NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

On Wednesday, February 11th, 2015, at approximately 7:32 p.m., the Park Ridge Fire Department responded to the report of an activated fire alarm at 201 Thames Parkway, in the Bristol Court condominium complex. While responding to this alarm, the Regional Emergency Dispatch center (RED) relayed that they had received calls from residents reporting smoke in the building. Fire Department units arrived approximately five (5) minutes after the activated fire alarm. Units reported heavy smoke conditions on the first floor and a fire in one of the units. The Incident Commander upgraded the response to a Code 4 for a working fire, bringing several neighboring fire departments to assist.

Fire Department units began an aggressive interior fire attack in the first floor unit, while other units simultaneously conducted searches of all the condominium units and assisted with the evacuation of residents to the lobby. This was a preferable location due to the cold weather and the need to verify which units had been successfully evacuated. This building is comprised of 36 condominium units, on three floors, with a lower level garage and lobby area. Multiple fire companies checked the entire structure for fire extension and then proceeded to ventilate using fans to evacuate smoke.

The Park Ridge Fire Department was assisted on the scene of this incident by Trucks from the Rosemont and Niles Fire Departments, Engines from the North Maine and Norwood Park Fire Protection Districts, and a Squad from the Morton Grove Fire Department. Units from Glenview, Buffalo Grove, Elk Grove and Wheeling Fire Departments provided coverage in the Park Ridge fire stations during this incident. There was a subsequent emergency medical call on Dee Road that was handled by some of these companies.

The fire unit was deemed uninhabitable and the resident(s) of that unit found alternative housing for the evening. All other residents were allowed to return to their units. Building maintenance and management were on scene to coordinate the clean-up and board-up.

No residents or firefighters were injured. Park Ridge Fire Investigators remained on the scene for approximately two hours conducting an investigation of the fire. There is no exact cause or damage estimate available at this time.