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Merrimack Fire Rescue Responds to Fire at 1 Crosswoods Path

At 4:50pm on Saturday, January 18th, Merrimack Fire Rescue was dispatched to 1 Crosswoods Path for a fire in the building. 1 Crosswoods Path is a three-story, 21 unit apartment building in the north part of Merrimack.

Merrimack Fire Rescue personnel responded with Engines 1 and 2, along with Ladder 1 and Car 2. Engine 1 and Ladder 1 arrived first, with Captain Rick Gagne taking command. MFR personnel found that a fire had started in a bedroom in a first floor apartment, but was quickly extinguished by the automatic fire sprinkler system installed throughout the building. Merrimack Firefighters safely evacuated all residents from the building while confirming that the fire was fully extinguished and had not extended into the walls or ceiling. MFR personnel shut down the sprinkler system, checked the entire building for carbon monoxide and other dangerous gases and then removed water from the fire apartment. Damage to the apartment was very minimal, limited to some furnishings in the bedroom. The origin and cause of the fire were investigated by MFR personnel who determined that the fire originated from an unattended candle. All personnel and apparatus cleared the scene at 6:32pm.

This fire highlights the importance of working smoke detectors and automatic sprinkler systems. The residents of the apartment were immediately alerted to the fire by the smoke detectors, and the sprinkler system extinguished the fire within minutes of it starting. The presence of these two important life safety systems enabled the occupants to safely evacuate the apartment and prevented major damage from the fire.