



SPEEDWAY FIRE

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Speedway Fire "A" shift Eg89, LD88 , BC20 with aide from IFD Eg33,Eg30, LD30 ,WTFD Eg85 & Safety 80 fought and quickly extinguished an apartment fire this past Thursday the 28th in Speedway.

The fire broke out in the kitchen at 5601 W22nd st. Copper Tree Apartments at approximately 3:31 pm . The tenant who was home at the time escaped harm and other tenants in the building evacuated safely. The first arriving unit on the scene Speedway Engine 89 being led by acting Officer Firefighter Dan McManus quickly assessed the scene and reported smoke showing as he and his crew went to work. Battalion Chief Jeff Hartman arrived on scene and assuming command , directed the actions of all apparatus and manpower on the fire ground. The "seat" of the fire was discovered by the search crew Speedway Ladder 89 led by lifelong Speedway resident Captain Brian Wyatt, observed the fires location through the heavy smoke as they searched for any possible trapped occupants and radioed this information to Command. The handline attack crew, Speedway Engine 89 led by acting Officer Firefighter Dan McManus made an aggressive attack armed with the information the search crew had radioed and got a fast knock down on the blaze.

Due to the heavy thick smoke and heated gasses the attack crew requested ventilation assistance through command and crews were to put into action to provide ventilation fans and reduced the smoke , allowing the attack crew to completely extinguish the remains of the fire.

As a part of due course on any structure fire Speedway Fire's Investigations Unit was called for, responded and conducted a complete investigation of the fire , its origin and cause.

The quick and professional actions taken by all Fire units on the scene resulted in the damage being contained to the apartment of origin and the common stairwell .

We ask that all residents remember to keep a working dry powder home use fire extinguisher in the kitchen and to further keep in mind that this is only used to direct at the location or "seat of the fire" discharging the extinguisher onto the grease flames thereby allowing you safe exit from the fire room . Please do not stand and try to battle the fire , alert anyone still in the building to exit, make a quick safe exit yourself and call 911. We will be there in minutes .

Bn. Chief Everett M. Cheney

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Photos included please see email attachments

