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TWO DISPLACED IN LATE NIGHT APARTMENT FIRE

One person treated for minor injuries during Hershey Avenue fire Saturday

MUSCATINE, Iowa – One person was treated for minor injuries Saturday (July 1, 2018) following a late night apartment fire on Hershey Avenue.

The Muscatine Joint Communications Center (MUSCOM) received a 911 call at 1:04 a.m. Saturday, July 1, 2018, of an apartment at 1309 Hershey Avenue on fire with reports of occupants trapped on the second floor. The Muscatine Fire Department responded immediately along with Fruitland Fire Department as automatic aid.

Fire crews noticed light smoke coming from the second floor of the building upon arrival. A search of the second floor found all occupants were out of the building. The fire was isolated to one apartment but two other apartments had light smoke damage.

The cause of the fire is currently under investigation.

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215 SYCAMORE STREET, MUSCATINE, IOWA 52761

The American Red Cross was called to assist in relocation of two victims that were displaced by the fire. All other residents were allowed to return to their apartments. One person was transported to the hospital with minor injuries, while no firefighters or responders were injured.

The Muscatine Fire Department was assisted by the Muscatine Police Department and Fruitland Fire Department. Approximately 13 fire fighters responded from Muscatine and Fruitland Fire Departments, including some off duty personnel.

Gary Ronzheimer, Battalion Chief

NOTE: Inquiries can be directed to: Mike Hartman, Fire Marshal (mhartman@muscatineiowa.gov) or by calling 563-263-9233.