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## MUSCATINE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## TWO RECEIVE MINOR INJURIES IN APARTMENT FIRE

*Two residents suffer smoke inhalation while trying to put out stove fire Sunday*

**MUSCATINE, Iowa** – Two residents received minor injuries following a grease fire on a stovetop Sunday afternoon in Muscatine. Both individuals were transported to UnityPoint Health – Trinity Muscatine where they were treated for minor smoke inhalation.



The Muscatine County Joint Communications Center (Muscom) received a call at 4:17 p.m. Sunday of a structure fire at 1309½ Hershey Avenue. Units from the Muscatine Fire Department (MFD) were on scene within five minutes and had the fire under control within 10 minutes.

While on scene, MFD had two additional medical calls within a half hour which spread resources thin.



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Residents are reminded that working smoke detectors save lives, and to call 9-1-1 to report the fire while safely exiting the structure. Please let the first responders do their job and do not waste time or risk your safety trying to put out the fire.

The grease fire on the stovetop was ruled accidental following an investigation by the Muscatine Fire Department.

The Muscatine Fire Department received mutual aid assistance from the Fruitland Fire Department along with assistance from the Muscatine Police Department.

## About the Muscatine Fire Department:

The Muscatine Fire Department provides fire and emergency medical services, rescues (high angle, rope, water, etc.), building inspections, and public education for the City of Muscatine, and the surrounding unincorporated areas of Muscatine County with a combined population of 43,000 across 145 square miles while also providing HAZMAT for Muscatine, Louisa, Washington, Keokuk, and Henry counties. MFD firefighters and paramedics responded to 5,238 calls in 2019. The Muscatine Fire Department began as a volunteer fire company on January 7, 1875 and was established as a full-time department in January 1916. The Muscatine Fire Department ambulance service received the 2012 Career Ambulance service of the Year Award from Iowa Emergency Medical Services.

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