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Mayor and Council,

Earlier this morning, VFRS crews responded to an explosion and fire in the Empress Hotel at 235 E Hastings. I am very sorry to advise that one individual was killed and two others transported to hospital with injuries. It appears that the deceased person was killed by fall from the building; whether he jumped, fell accidentally or was knocked out of the window is not clear.

The sprinklers and alarm system in the building were operational.

VPD is on scene as well and Buildings will be attending to assess the integrity of the structure.

We will keep you apprised of any updates.

Paul