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To: "Direct to Mayor and Council - DL"

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Subject: Update on fire at 1987 West 7th Ave from VFRS

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see additional details regarding the fire from VFRS below.

Best,  
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Dear Mayor and Council,

Last night, at approximately 2:43 AM, our crews responded to a structure fire in a three-story residential building located at 1987 West 7th Avenue.

Upon arrival, the first-in crews encountered heavy smoke and fire emanating from the second floor, with the fire extending to the unit above.

The crews swiftly engaged in a fire attack and extinguished the flames. Simultaneously, they assisted residents in evacuating the building due to the heavy smoke permeating the residence.

The smoke alarms were active upon the crews' arrival; however, the building was not equipped with sprinklers.

A preliminary investigation suggests the fire started in a couch and appears to be accidental.

Regrettably, there are multiple injuries among the residents, with at least eight individuals injured and one in critical condition.

The entire building has been evacuated and is currently uninhabitable. The electricity has been disconnected, and the building is being boarded up. Approximately 38 residents were living at this address.

Fire investigations is currently on scene continuing investigation and will assist occupants to retrieve valuables.

Regards,



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