



Incident Information

Office of Public Affairs & Education

Date:	12-18-10	Adults Injured:	1				
Time Call Received:	1925 hours	Minors Injured:	0				
Incident Type:	Structure Fire	Civilian Fatalities:	0				
Address/Location:	1420 Birch St.	Civilians Rescued:	0				
Incident No:	10-15909	Firefighter Injuries:	0				
Occupancy Name:	N/AV	Firefighter Fatalities:	0				
Occupancy / # Units	Multi-Family Dwelling/8	Pet / Animal Fatalities/ Injuries:	0				
1 st In Company:	E-2	Assisting Agencies:	Fort Collins Light & Power, Police Services, Poudre Valley Ambulance				
Battalion:	1	Incident Control Time:	2028 hours				
Dollar Loss:	\$60,000 estimated	Incident Duration:	2.5 hours				
Dollars Saved:	N/AV	Total # Alarms:	2				
Displaced/Evacuated:	N/AV	Total # Personnel	33				
Origin:	Under investigation	Incident Commander:	D. Spiess				
Cause:	Under Investigation	Submitted by:	Patrick Love 1130 hours				
Engines	Ladder Trucks	Brush Engines	Rescues	Ambulances	Water Tenders	Command Units	Investigators
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Fort Collins, CO- Firefighters were summoned to a reported chimney fire in a two story unsprinklered apartment complex. The first responding engine found fire spreading in a chimney chase, between floors and into the attic area. Firefighting activities were complicated by narrow access and an inability to get additional apparatus close to the structure. Fire crews worked to expose enclosed areas in ceilings and floors to provide access for extinguishment. One resident of the complex reported directly to responding ambulance crews and was transported to Poudre Valley Hospital following evaluation. The nature and extent of medical condition was not reported.

The fire was extinguished within an hour and crews remained on scene securing uninvolved units, ensuring safe atmospheres, restoring power to unaffected areas of the building and conducting on scene fire investigation. Two units of the eight unit complex were uninhabitable.

Red Cross was called to assist with immediate food, clothing and shelter needs.

The fire origin and cause is currently under investigation and no additional information is available at this time.

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