



Peterborough Fire Department

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Peterborough Fire Department responded to 243 Milroy Drive at 1105 hr. this morning with two pumpers, one aerial and a command unit to the report of alarms ringing in the three story apartment building. Investigating the first floor north indicated the apartment of origin in which there had been an accidental stovetop cooking oil fire which had been extinguished by the occupants one of whom sustained minor injuries.

The Fire Department gave medical assistance to two persons for a short time until the Ambulance arrived. Ventilation was required to purge the smoke from the first floor halls and the apartment of fire origin.

Damage to the apartment and contents is estimated at approximately \$10,000.

Smoke alarms and detection devices appeared to be operating therefore occupants were warned of the fire conditions as soon as possible.

The Peterborough County-City Disaster Trust Fund attended to assist the two occupants of the fire origin apartment since their unit is not habitable until repairs and restoration are completed.

The Peterborough Fire Department reminds the public that extreme caution should be used when occupants decide that extinguishing the fire is their best option rather than getting out immediately.

In the case of a stove top pot or pan where the grease or cooking oil has caught fire and where it is safe to do so without risk of injury:

- put the proper fitting lid on the pot or pan**
- turn off the heat source**
- leave the area close the door**
- phone 911 from a safe place.**

This information is also available on our City of Peterborough website at www.peterborough.ca

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