

Last Night's Apartment Fire in Raleigh

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Two alarms of EMS resources were requested at last night's apartment fire in Raleigh, which was dispatched shortly after 11:30 p.m. Callers reported people trapped and children being dropped from windows at 611 Peyton Street. That's a two-story with full basement, garden-style, brick-construction apartment building with 9,936 square-feet. Built 1969. (Say tax records.) Heavy fire was showing from the top-floor windows. (Was that the second floor or third floor? Debate as desired.)

Though the fire was quickly controlled, in about twenty minutes cites WRAL, the number of injured and displaced residents saw a second alarm for EMS. Medical resources included Evac 1, the medical evacuation bus, to help keep the residents warm. Red Cross was also called to the scene, to assist the displaced residents.

Eight people jumped out of windows, reports WRAL. Seven residents were transported to the WakeMed and Duke hospitals, five as "trauma" patients, reports Carolinas Fire Page. (Meaning, either traumatic injuries or traumatic mechanism of injury.) Thirteen were initially transported, cites fire photographer Jason Thompson. That number increased slightly as the incident extended into the early morning. (Seventeen were injured, cites WRAL.)

Stories told to WRAL included one woman who jumped out a window with her three-year-old, and who witnessed another woman dropping an infant to the ground. Another resident who self-evacuated retrieved a ladder and helped others escape. The male was transported to WakeMed with smoke inhalation.

There were fifty-one occupants in the building, all of whom were displaced. Half the building's twenty-four apartments were damaged (e.g., fire, smoke, and/or water). The same building suffered a fire three years ago, notes WRAL. There's no sprinkler system, notes the *News & Observer*.

The fire was dispatched at 11:38 p.m. The cause is under investigation. Fire units on scene included E12, E7, E3, E10, L4, L8, Sq 14, R1, B2, B3, A1, C20, C420, C401. EMS units included EMS 1, EMS 11, D1, M92 (first-alarm dispatch), EMS 8, EMS 5, EMS 62, T1 (working fire dispatch), and EMS 2, EMS 7, EMS 19, M91, D4, Chief 101 (second alarm). Plus EVAC 1 (special called?).

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WRAL photo



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Additional EMS units in the 2nd alarm included EMS 2, EMS 7, EMS 19, M91, D4, and Chief 101.

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