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## HFD Continues Investigating Cause of Fire

Harrisonburg, Va. – The Harrisonburg Fire Department (HFD) continues its investigation into a fire that happened at the end of last week.

On Friday, February 19 fire crews received a call for service for a fire alarm shortly after 7:00 p.m. at 265 N. Main St., which is the location of an apartment complex.

Upon arrival, firefighters discovered there was a fire that was contained in an apartment on the second floor. Smoke filled the majority of the four story building and residents were evacuated.

Bobbie Gale, 62, was the resident of the apartment where the fire took place. She was transported to Sentara Rockingham Memorial Hospital, where she later passed away.

A male was also transported to the hospital for non-life threatening injuries and has since been released.

In addition to the two individuals transported to the hospital, there was another female treated by rescue personnel at the scene.

All apparatus from HFD were on scene in addition to Hose Company #4. Assistance was also provided by the Harrisonburg Rescue Squad and Harrisonburg Police Department. In addition, the Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation provided three buses to house residents, who were temporarily evacuated from their apartments, until it was determined to be safe for them to return home.

At this point in the investigation, it appears this was an accidental fire. The exact cause of the fire remains under investigation by the HFD's Fire Marshal's office.

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