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Fire Sprinkler Prevents Holiday Disaster

At approximately 3pm on November 19, a fire was reported by the occupant of a duplex in the 3000 block of Kiowa Avenue. Upon returning home, the occupant discovered smoke in the structure and the dog under the living room couch by the rear sliding door. The occupant was able to safely rescue the dog through a bedroom window. The first arriving fire company reported smoke coming from the front door and a fire in the kitchen area, which was being contained by the sprinkler system. Three engine companies, one truck company, and a Battalion Chief, responded to the fire. No injuries were reported, and due to quick activation of the fire sprinkler head, water and fire damages were confined to the kitchen area and were estimated at \$17,000. No damage was reported in the adjoining unit, whose occupant was alerted by the smoke detector sounding from the unit involved in the fire and was allowed to re-enter after the incident. The cause of the fire was an unattended candle under the kitchen cabinet that ignited nearby combustibles.

Since the requirement for fire sprinklers in all commercial buildings and multi-family dwellings in 1994, there have been approximately 49 documented activations, saving millions of dollars in losses, not to mention a potential life. For more information on fire sprinklers, please contact the Fire Marshal's Office at 928-453-3313.

Contact: Fire Marshal Chip Shilosky at 928-453-3313 for further information.

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