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CONROE 2-ALARM APARTMENT FIRE

For Immediate Release
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Conroe, TX: The City of Conroe Fire Department was notified of an apartment fire at 800 Bellshire Dr. (Bellshire Apartments) at approximately 7:28 pm on March 17, 2015.

Conroe firefighters arrived on scene at approximately 7:30 pm and reported heavy fire showing from a 2 story apartment building. The fire was immediately attacked from the outside of the building in an attempt to contain the fire to the original building. A second alarm was called to assist with manpower. In all, 8 engines and 2 ladder trucks were utilized to bring the fire under control. All occupants were accounted for, with a total of eight families being displaced. The Red Cross was called to assist with finding shelter for these families. It is unknown at this time whether any had renters insurance. The fire was contained to the original building and declared under control at approximately 8:20 pm. The Conroe Fire Department was assisted by the Needham Fire Department, The Woodlands Fire Department, North Montgomery County Fire Department, and Montgomery County Hospital District EMS.

Four adult occupants were transported by Montgomery County Hospital District EMS to Conroe Regional Hospital with what appeared to be minor injuries. Their status is not known at the time of this release.

The Conroe Fire Department Fire Marshal's Office has initiated an investigation into the origin and cause of the fire. The investigation is ongoing. It is believed that the fire originated on a stove top and was unintentional in nature. The building was not equipped with a fire sprinkler system as it was built prior to the currently adopted fire code which requires fire sprinklers in all new apartment buildings.

The Conroe Fire Department would like to remind the general public of the dangers of leaving an operating stove or cook top unattended. Unattended cooking is consistently the leading cause of unintentional fires both within Conroe and nationwide.

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