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CONROE APARTMENT FIRE

For Immediate Release
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Conroe, TX: The City of Conroe Fire Department was notified of an apartment fire at 2020 Plantation Dr. (Timbers of Pine Hollow Apartments), near N Loop 336 W at approximately 11:00 PM on May 13, 2014.

Conroe firefighters arrived on scene at approximately 11:05 PM and reported heavy fire from a downstairs apartment. Firefighters initiated an aggressive interior attack on the fire and were able to contain it to the apartment of origin. All occupants of the building were accounted for. The incident was declared under control at approximately 11:20 PM.

A 21 year old female occupant sustained non-life threatening 2nd degree burns while rescuing her two children, ages 2 and 5, from the apartment. An upstairs neighbor assisted with this rescue effort and was uninjured. One dog perished in the fire. Three other apartment units sustained smoke and/or water damage. Approximately 12 occupants of these units were relocated by the Red Cross. There were no reported injuries to firefighters.

The Conroe Fire Department Fire Marshal's Office has initiated an investigation into the origin and cause of the fire. Preliminary evidence suggests that the fire originated in the kitchen and was caused by cooking oil being heated, while left unattended, on the stove top.

The Conroe Fire Department would like to remind the public that unattended cooking is the leading cause of residential fires in Texas and the United States. In 2012, there were 4,362 residential fires in Texas caused by unattended cooking. These fires resulted in 125 civilian injuries, 2 civilian deaths, 17 firefighter injuries, and approximately 13.5 million dollars in damage.

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