

Conroe Fire Department



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AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM SAVES APARTMENTS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Conroe, TX: The City of Conroe Fire Department was notified of a fire alarm at the 2455 N Frazier St. (Skytop Apartments) at approximately 12:36 PM on June 15, 2016.

Conroe Firefighters arrived at approximately 12:45 PM and discovered that there had been a small fire in the kitchen of one of the apartment units which activated a single sprinkler head and extinguished the fire.

There were no reported injuries to firefighters or occupants of the building. Fire damage was confined to the cabinets above the stove and sink. Water damage was confined to the apartment of origin. The cause of the fire was unattended cooking and was determined to be unintentional.

This incident demonstrates the importance of a properly installed and maintained automatic fire sprinkler system in residential occupancies. It is likely that the automatic fire sprinkler system saved hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage and property loss to the building's owners and occupants. Further, no occupants were displaced and possible injuries and deaths to citizens and firefighters were prevented.

Automatic fire sprinkler systems have over 100 years of proven performance protecting life and property.

The Conroe Fire Department would like to remind the public that unattended cooking is the leading cause of residential fires in Conroe, and throughout the United States, each year. Being mindful while you cook, however, can go a long way toward helping to prevent these fires:

- **Keep an eye on what you fry
- **Be alert when cooking
- **Keep things that can catch fire away from the cooking area

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