

Conroe Fire Department



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SECOND FIRE SPRINKLER APARTMENT SAVE IN ONE WEEK

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Conroe, TX: The City of Conroe Fire Department was notified of an apartment fire at 500 Hickerson St. near N Frazier St. (Hollow Creek Apartments) at approximately 10:34 AM on June 22, 2016.

Conroe Firefighters arrived at approximately 10:38 AM and discovered that there had been a fire in the kitchen of one of the apartment units which activated two sprinkler heads and extinguished the fire.

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

For the second time in one week within the City of Conroe, the importance of properly installed and maintained automatic fire sprinkler systems in residential occupancies has been demonstrated. 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 adjacent 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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