

# Conroe Fire Department



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## FIRE SPRINKLERS SAVE CONROE APARTMENT MID-RISE

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Conroe, TX: The City of Conroe Fire Department was notified of an apartment fire at 366 F.M. 1488 (The Towers Woodlands Apartments) at approximately 5:26 AM on July 15, 2017.

Conroe firefighters arrived at approximately 5:32 AM and reported heavy white smoke coming from the parking garage below Building 12. The cause of the smoke was found to be a single vehicle on fire. An aggressive offensive attack was initiated and the fire was quickly extinguished. The fire was declared under control at approximately 5:35 AM.

All occupants of the building were able to escape and were accounted for. There were no reported injuries to occupants or firefighters. Needham Road Fire/Rescue and The Woodlands Fire Department assisted with the firefighting effort.

The involved building consists of a ground-level parking garage with 4 stories of apartments above, for a total of 5 stories. The garage area and apartments are fully protected by fire sprinkler and automatic fire alarm systems. A single fire sprinkler head activated keeping the fire under control until arrival of firefighters while the automatic fire alarm system alerted occupants of the fire, allowing them to escape unharmed.

The potential for disaster in a residential building of this size, at the time of day the fire occurred, is great. The importance of properly installed and maintained fire sprinkler and automatic fire alarm systems cannot be overstated. As a result of the fire sprinkler activation, there was no visible damage to the building and no occupants were displaced.

A properly installed and maintained fire sprinkler system is the single-most effective way of preventing loss of property or life in the event of a residential fire. In this instance, property was definitely saved while lives were very likely saved.

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