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Building/Trash Chute Fire

At approximately 10:00 A.M. on February 19, 2021, Mount Prospect firefighters responded to 215 E. Prospect Avenue for a reported structure fire. Upon arrival, Mount Prospect firefighters were confronted with a fully involved dumpster with fire extending up an exterior trash chute. The fire was brought under control in approximately 10 minutes with no injuries reported. The cause of the fire is still under investigation but appears to be accidental in nature.

Workers at the six-story apartment building, currently under construction, discovered the fire and quickly called 911. Due to the efforts of both the construction workers and firefighters, there were no injuries and the fire was contained to exterior of the building. Damage is estimated at \$50,000. Firefighters from Prospect Heights, Elk Grove Township, Des Plaines, Arlington Heights, and Glenview assisted with this incident.

“This could have been much worse if it wasn’t for the quick actions of calling 911,” said Deputy Fire Chief John Dolan. “Despite being hindered by the winter elements, firefighters did an excellent job getting water on the fire and limiting its spread.” The Mount Prospect Fire Department would also like to thank all the residents and building owners for doing their best to keep fire hydrants in their area clear of snow for fire department access.

For more information regarding fire safety questions, please contact the Mount Prospect Fire Prevention Bureau at 847-818-5253.

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