



Village of Mount Prospect **Press Release**

Village of Mount Prospect Responds to 3-Alarm Fire at Apartment Building

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At approximately 1:30 PM, structural engineers deemed the building safe enough for Fire Department personnel to enter the first and second floor to begin their investigation and look for any personal belongings.

Village team members from the Human Services Department and Emergency Management are on-site with Red Cross to coordinate assistance for around 100 residents displaced by yesterday evening's fire. In total, 35 occupied units were evacuated. As of 4 AM Tuesday morning, all residents were accounted for.

In a joint effort, Emergency Management and Human Services staff, including social workers and the Public Health Nurse, are running an intake center to assess the needs of displaced residents and connect them with resources.

"Often in times of crisis, needs arise that many people are not aware of or have not considered. For example, a displaced person may not have any identification with them, they may not have access to their credit cards to buy food, they may not have a phone or any way of contacting loved ones," said Julie Kane, Director of Human Services. "Our role is to address those needs and bridge the gap, collaboratively with Emergency Management, the Police Department, Red Cross, and all other responding agencies."

Out of respect for the privacy of the residents at Orion Parkview, the Village asks that community members refrain from bringing donations to the scene or offering to assist on-site. Those who would like to help can do the following:

- Bring donations of non-perishables to the Mount Prospect Food Pantry at Village Hall (weekdays, 8:30 AM – 5 PM). Donation bins are in the lobby and in the Human Services Department on the second floor. Visit the [Village's website](#) to see the full list of items.

- Donate gift cards from local retailers, like Walmart, and local restaurants so displaced residents can purchase essentials and hot meals. Gift cards can be brought to the Human Services Department on the second floor of Village Hall (weekdays, 8:30 AM – 5 PM).
- Donate to the Red Cross through their website.

For any questions or assistance, call the Human Services Department at 847-870-5680.

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