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EPFD Responds to a Condition 3 Fire

Firefighters respond to Condition 3 fire at the 5000 Block of Alabama.

El PASO, Texas – At approximately 9:46 a.m. on Saturday January 27, 2018, the El Paso Fire Department was dispatched to the 5000 Block of Alabama for a Condition 3 fire. Witnesses called in and reported an apartment fire. Upon arriving on the scene at 9:52 a.m., crews saw heavy smoke and flames coming from a Multi-story apartment complex. Firefighters began to fight the fire and performed a search of the involved apartment. Since the apartment was empty the firefighters could focus on extinguishing the fire and protecting the rest of the property.

Once firefighters put additional hose lines into action, they were able to knock down the fire and prevent further damage to two adjacent apartment buildings in the complex. The apartment unit was a total loss. Estimated cost of damage is unknown, at this time. The cause and origin of the fire is undetermined and is pending further investigation.

There were no injuries to firefighters, a total of 16 fire units and 44 personnel from the El Paso Fire Department responded to this incident. Texas Gas and El Paso Electric assisted fire crews on scene. El Paso Red Cross Provided assistance to the residents. At this moment, an inspector with the City Planning & Inspections Department and an Investigator from the Fire Prevention Division remain on scene conducting the investigation.

The El Paso Fire Department would like to remind the public that in just a few minutes, a home can become completely engulfed with flames. With the advance notice of a working smoke alarm, residents can escape with their lives. To request help with a home/work safety survey, escape plan or to inquire about smoke alarms, the public can call (915) 212-5699 or visit www.elpasotexas.gov/fire

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