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NEWS RELEASE

EPFD responds to Condition 3 fire

Firefighters respond to Condition 3 fire at 8600 block of Robert Dr.

El Paso, Texas – At approximately 1233 a.m. on Sunday Nov. 27, the El Paso Fire Department was dispatched to an apartment fire at the 8600 block of Robert Dr. when passers-by saw flames and called 9-1-1. Upon arriving on the scene at 12:36 a.m., crews found a single-story attached apartment fully engulfed in flames and heavy smoke conditions. Firefighters began to simultaneously fight the fire and search for occupants of the apartment complex. Firefighters reached a 56-year-old male inside one of the units. He was transported to a local hospital with serious injuries. Approximately 11 people were evacuated from the complex.

The fire was under control at 1:09 a.m. The fire was contained to the one structure of the apartment complex. About 30% suffered damage, estimated at \$120,000. The cause and origin of the fire is under investigation.

There were no injuries to firefighters. A total of 14 units and 31 personnel from the El Paso Fire Department responded to this incident. El Paso Police, El Paso Electric, Texas Gas, the American Red Cross and El Paso Planning and Inspections assisted in the incident.

To request fire extinguisher training, help with a home/work escape plan or inquire about smoke alarms, the public can call (915) 485-5699 or visit www.elpasotexas.gov/fire-department/services.

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