

CHARLESTON

FIRE DEPARTMENT



Early Morning Fire Damages Businesses on King Street Extension

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Charleston, SC (January 29, 2015): Earlier this morning, on 01/29/2015, Charleston Police Department units were on patrol in the area of 1400 King Street Extension and notified Charleston County Consolidated Dispatch of heavy smoke in the area. A CPD unit determined the smoke was venting from a four-suite commercial structure on the corner of King and Heriot Streets.

Dispatch notified units with the Charleston and North Charleston Fire Departments at 1:09 AM for a possible commercial structure fire. CFD Engine 109, located across the street from the commercial structure, arrived shortly after dispatch. Fire personnel encountered smoke venting from the eaves in the front of the structure. Crews forced entry into the suites, located and extinguished the fire, and ventilated the building to reduce further smoke damage.

“Due to the early discovery of the fire by the Police Department, fire personnel arrived quickly and safely brought the fire under control,” said Fire Chief Karen Brack. “First arriving units located the fire and initiated an aggressive interior fire attack. Due to the quick response and early notification the fire was contained to one business.”

Members of the Charleston Fire Department Fire Marshal’s Division responded to investigate the fire. The fire originated in a break room at the rear of one of the suites near the electrical service for the business. The involved suite sustained fire, smoke, and water damage. Two adjacent suites sustained minor smoke and water damage.

We would like to remind residents and citizens to report any unusual odors or visible smoke by calling 911.

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