

CHARLESTON

FIRE DEPARTMENT



Structure Fire at 145 Pier View Contained to Parking Structure

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Charleston, SC (November 6th, 2015): Emergency responders were dispatched to 145 Pier View St, Pier View Condos, at 8:15 PM on 11/5/2015 for a reported structure fire. Units from the Charleston and North Charleston Fire Departments responded to the scene to find smoke venting from the parking area of the structure.

The building consists of a parking level at the lower level with four store of residential above containing 64 residential units. The building was evacuated and crews verified the fire was contained to the area near the electrical service within the parking area. Emergency crews worked with the power company to secure power to the area and control the fire. Members from Charleston County Rescue responded with an airboat unit and utilized the fan to assist with ventilation of the area. The Red Cross was notified in the event any resident needed assistance.

The Charleston Fire Department Fire Marshal Division responded to investigate the fire. The fire damage was contained to the electrical service area within the parking area of the structure and produced significant smoke in the parking area. The concrete construction of the parking area contained the fire to the area and minimized damage. Half of the building, or 32 units, were served by the damaged electrical service and those tenants were displaced. The remaining 32 units received power from another service that was not damaged and those tenants were able to return to the building. The cause is under investigation but originated at or near the primary electrical service into a portion of the building.

The Charleston Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to offer a few safety tips:

- 1) Always maintain working smoke alarms in your home. Smoke alarms should be on every level of your home, and inside and outside of each sleeping area.
- 2) Test smoke alarms monthly. Batteries should be changed on a yearly basis.
- 3) Create an escape plan, discuss, and practice with other occupants of your residence about what to do in case of a fire.

Please contact Fire Marshal Mike Julazadeh via email at julazadehm@charleston-sc.gov for additional tips or information.

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