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## PRESS RELEASE

On Saturday February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at approximately 5:44pm, the Claremont Fire Dept., Claremont Police Dept. and Golden Cross Ambulance were dispatched to 11 Dennison Avenue, Apt 1 for a fire on the external wall of the apartment with flames spreading rapidly. Two Engines and a Ladder responded at 5:44pm with Car 1 responding at 5:45pm. Upon arrival Claremont Police had evacuated the building and we found fire coming from an external wall of the porch area. After the use of two APW's and some hand tools the crew was able to extinguish the fire. Due to the unknown time frame from the inception of the fire to the visual flames being seen led to a large volume of smoke occupying the living space. The crew then performed extensive smoke ventilation. Once the smoke was evacuated and the search for fire extension was complete all apparatus returned to quarters at 6:48pm. The fire at this time is not deemed to be suspicious. The Claremont Fire Dept. would like to remind all residents of the importance of early 911 notification.

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