



Claremont Fire Department

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PRESS RELEASE

At 1003 hours on February 13, the Claremont Fire Department responded to 1 Pleasant Street, the property known as the Union Block, for a report of smoke in the building. C1, Engine 3, and Ladder 2 responded and arrived on scene at 1004 hours.

Upon investigation, crews traced the issue to the mechanical room, where the boilers were not functioning properly. Firefighters secured and shut down the boilers and requested maintenance personnel to respond to the property.

While assessing the building, crews detected elevated levels of carbon monoxide throughout. Fire personnel immediately initiated evacuation procedures, resulting in approximately 20 occupants being safely removed from the building. The Community Center van was mobilized in the event residents needed to be transported to an alternate location, along with providing the occupants with a warm place to stage.

Crews ventilated the structure and continued to monitor carbon monoxide levels. By approximately 1210 hours, readings had returned to zero, and occupants were allowed to safely return to their apartments.

This incident highlights the strength of our unified command structure. Claremont Police Department, Golden Cross Ambulance, and Claremont Parks and Recreation Department all played important roles in ensuring a safe and coordinated outcome.

We thank the public for their patience as Pleasant Street and the eastern leg of Sullivan Street were temporarily closed during our operational efforts.

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