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Barrington Park Fire

City of Manassas, VA . . . In the early morning hours of April 11, City of Manassas Fire & Rescue units were dispatched to a fire at the Barrington Park Apartments. The fire started when a pile of clothing was left near a gas fireplace that was accidentally turned on. Smoke alarms alerted the occupants to the fire.

One person was trapped in an upstairs bedroom because of smoke. Fire & Rescue personnel were able to evacuate the man who was treated and released at the scene. The fire was extinguished by the apartment's residential fire sprinkler system that went off properly and suppressed the fire.

The City of Manassas Fire and Rescue department would like to remind residents that home fire sprinkler systems can control and even extinguish a fire in less time than it takes for the fire department to arrive on scene. By having a fire sprinkler system in the home, the risk of dying from a fire is cut by about about 80%. The average property loss per fire is cut by about 70% when a fire sprinkler system is in place.

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