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Press Release

For Immediate Release

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The Norman Fire Department responded to a structure fire at 8:27 A.M. on 12/04/2009 located at the Bentley Hill Apartments, 860 24th Avenue S.W. Upon arrival firefighters observed heavy smoke and flames coming from the apartment building. Firefighters searched the apartments and found them to be unoccupied.

After the search firefighters established that the fire originated in a downstairs apartment living room area. The fire traveled out the patio doors to the second floor patio catching it on fire and extending to the attic through the eave of the roof. Fire crews were able to extinguish the fire within thirty minutes although they remained on scene extinguishing hidden fires for the next three hours. The preliminary damage is estimated to be \$100,000 to the structure and \$40,000 to the contents.

Three fire stations and nineteen personnel responded to the fire along with Norman Police, EMSSTAT Paramedics and the Red Cross.

There were no reports of injuries from the fire although four families are displaced. The Red Cross is working with these families to get them shelter, clothing and assist with any other needs they might have. Citizens wishing to help may contact the local chapter of the American Red Cross.

The cause of the fire is currently under investigation by the Norman Fire Marshals office.

