



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## Statement from The City of Humboldt on UPDATE TO FIRE RESPONSE

**Humboldt, SK** – On Thursday, June 1, 2023, at approximately 12:35 am, the Humboldt & District Fire Department successfully extinguished a fire at 607-10<sup>th</sup> Street in Humboldt, a 24 unit condominium complex. All thirty-eight residents were safely evacuated.

The investigation concluded that the origin of the fire was unintentional and was caused by improperly discarded smoking materials on a fourth-floor balcony.

The quick response by our volunteer firefighters and the utilization of the ladder truck resulted in the fire being quickly brought under control. Fire damage was limited to the top floor on the west end, although many of other suites were affected with both smoke and water damage.

The Humboldt Fire Department notes that the operational building safety systems all contributed to the ability to quickly extinguish the fire and to get everybody out safely. The building alarm system, the smoke alarm in the initial suite, and the emergency lighting were all in working order at the time of the fire. The fire separation in the attic space was in good condition and greatly contributed to providing the fire department the time required to be able to get the fire under control.

There are still former occupants of the condominium complex who are in search of secure long-term housing, as well as some who are in need of personal and household items. For anybody wishing to donate items to the displaced residents, please email <a href="https://docume.com/hopeinhardshipHAC@gmail.com/">hopeinhardshipHAC@gmail.com/</a>, a dedicated email account monitored by the Humboldt Alliance Church who is receiving





donations. Prior to dropping off items, please email and ask what is needed to ensure there is adequate storage space.

Anyone who has long-term rental units (12 months or longer), please contact PARTNERS at 306.682.4135 who will connect you with individuals in need.

The City and the Humboldt Fire Department would like to thank Humboldt and District Ambulance Service, Humboldt RCMP, PARTNERS Family Services, Humboldt Alliance Church, and all of our residents for the ongoing assistance in making sure all of the needs are met.

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