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CLAY FIRE

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Apartment Fire in Clay Township

Clay Fire Territory received a call for a apartment fire shortly after 7 pm Monday night at Castle Point Apartments, on Coronation Gardens Drive. Crews arrived within minutes to find smoke coming from a vent pipe on the roof, but no other smoke or flames were visible to arriving units. As crews investigated further they found the apartment to be filled with heavy smoke. Crews quickly found and extinguished the fire, containing it to a bathroom where the fire is believed to have started. There was some additional damage caused by smoke to the apartment and the surrounding apartments. Occupants from adjacent apartments were evacuated as a precaution during the fire, and most were able to returned to their apartments once it was deemed safe by Clay Fire. Those that were not able to return immediately were working with Castle Point staff for tempory lodging options. The cause of the fire is still under investigation, but it is beleved that the fire started in the area of a bathroom exhaust fan. No civilian or fire department injuries were reported.



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