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PRESS RELEASE

HAGERSTOWN - The Hagerstown City Fire Marshal's office continues its investigation into circumstances of a 2- alarm fire that struck an East Franklin Street apartment building on Sunday evening, but has determined that the fire was intentionally set.

The Hagerstown Fire Department was alerted for a fire in the rear of a building off of N Locust Street Sunday night at approximately 10:45 pm. Units found heavy fire conditions in the upper floors of 44-46 E Franklin Street when they arrived. Fire department units from all Hagerstown Fire Department stations, were assisted by the Funkstown Fire Co, Longmeadow Fire Co, Volunteer Fire Co. of Halfway, Maugansville Goodwill Vol. Fire Co., Clear Spring Fire Company, Community Rescue Service, and the Washington County Department of Emergency Services Air Unit, Rehab Unit and Special Operations Unit during the course of this two alarm fire. Final units cleared the scene on Monday at 11:53 am. One firefighter was transported to the hospital for injuries and has since been released. Several other county fire stations covered Hagerstown Fire Department stations during the fire.

The fire caused substantial damage to the upper floors of this 3-story building. This building was the scene of a fatal fire in 2014 which contractors have only recently started work to restore the building.

Hagerstown City Fire Marshal's office continues to interview witnesses and processing of information obtained during the investigations. Hagerstown Fire Marshal Doug DeHaven is asking for the public to help by sharing any photos or videos taken of the fire, especially those taken when the fire department was arriving. In addition, the fire marshal is asking anyone that may have seen people around the building on Sunday to contact them. The Hagerstown City Fire Marshal's office can be contacted by phone at 301-790-2476 or by email at firemarshal@hagerstownmd.org .

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