

FORT MYERS BEACH FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

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Fire causes evacuation at beach resort

Fort Myers Beach, Fl – The Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District (FMBFCD) received a 911 call reporting smoke coming from a unit in a beach resort high-rise building. The call was received on Thursday July 10, 2008, around 11:30 am, FMBFCD responded to the call by sending Battalion Chief 31, ALS Truck 33, ALS Engine 31, and both ALS Ambulances 31&32. Upon arrival on the scene firefighters found heavy smoke coming out of unit 405 on the fourth floor. Firefighters quickly ascertained the seat of the fire, performed search and rescue as well as confine and extinguished the fire. After extinguishing the fire, workers searched for any other possible hazards to the public, after finding no hazards residents were allowed to return to the building. Iona McGregor Fire District provided an ALS Engine as well as a support vehicle for firefighter rehabilitation and air tank refill.

Fire Investigators are currently investigating the cause of the fire; investigators have ruled out arson as a possibility. Fire investigators believe that the fire began in the kitchen area of the unit but have yet to single out the cause. The final fire investigation report will be released later. For more information contact PIO Ramon Looby.

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