



March 2, 2024

At 8:00 AM on Saturday, March 2, 2024, a fire was reported in one of HopePHL's rental units in West Philadelphia on Holly Street. The Fire Marshal and fire department reported to the building, evacuated the unit and extinguished the fire. The head of the household occupying the unit was taken by ambulance to a local hospital. There was fire, smoke, and water damage to the unit, rendering it uninhabitable at this time.

The cause of the fire has yet to be determined. The family is currently staying with other relatives while we identify an interim housing plan while their home is repaired. As of 12:00 p.m. The department of Licenses & Inspections had not yet declared the property safe to reenter to examine the extent of damage to the unit and personal property.

HopePHL is grateful to the members of the fire department, police department, and medical personnel for their readiness to assist the family at this difficult time. Leadership and staff are working with PHA to ensure a smooth transition to another place for the family to live until the unit is repaired.

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