



# DALLAS FIRE-RESCUE

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<b>INCIDENT DATE:</b>	December 13, 2011	<b>INCIDENT TIME:</b>	14:26
<b>INCIDENT LOCATION:</b>	10075 Royal Lane	<b>OCCUPANCY TYPE:</b>	2-Story Apartment Building
<b>STRUCTURAL LOSS:</b>	\$175,000	<b>CONTENT LOSS:</b>	\$13,000
<b>TOTAL FIREFIGHTERS:</b>	52	<b>CIVILIAN INJURIES:</b>	1
<b>FIREFIGHTER INJURIES:</b>	0	<b>CIVILIAN FATALITIES:</b>	0
<b>TL HEAVY APPARATUS:</b>	15	<b>TL RESCUE AMBULANCES:</b>	3
<b>ALARMS:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Alarm: 14:26; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Alarm: 14:32; 3 <sup>rd</sup> Alarm: 14:57; Out Taps: 16:09		
<b>INCIDENT CAUSE:</b>	Careless use of candle		
<b>INCIDENT DESCRIPTION:</b>	<p>At 14:26 Dallas Fire Rescue responded to a structure fire at the Sun Colony Apartments located at 10075 Royal Lane in Northeast Dallas.</p> <p>When firefighters arrived they saw smoke and fire coming from a first story unit. Residents had already evacuated the building so firefighters were able to focus their efforts on a quick offensive attack; and thanks to the efforts of firefighters, as well as the assistance of a functioning firewall, the fire was quickly contained to the unit of origin and the one directly above it.</p> <p>Investigators discovered that the occupant of a first floor, a 50 year-old man, was lighting a tea candle when it ignited a potted plant. The man tried to put the fire out, but it quickly grew out of control and ignited the entire bedroom. It got inside the walls and traveled vertically, damaging the unit directly above it. The occupant was transported to Baylor Hospital, in stable condition, with smoke inhalation and minor burn injuries.</p> <p>Four units were damaged, (2 by fire and 2 by smoke and water) but there were no other injuries reported. An unspecified number of people were displaced, but the American Red Cross was notified for their needs.</p>		