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# Press Release

**Grinnell, IA November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

At 4:30AM the Grinnell Fire Department responded to a fire in a two-story five unit apartment building located at 1702 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The fire was discovered by a tenant who woke to the sound of smoke alarms going off. The tenant discovered a fire in a stairwell from the basement to the first floor. He then called 911 and helped make sure everyone got out of the building. The fire spread to a second stairwell connecting the first and second floors. Firefighters were able to rescue a pet cat and revive it with oxygen. Firefighters were able to contain the fire to the stairwells and concealed wall spaces in an about an hour, however all five units are unlivable due to heat and smoke damage. Red Cross was called to help the 8 people displaced. No injuries were reported. The fire started with lint build-up in a dryer vent causing approximately \$150,000 in damages. The Grinnell Fire Department was assisted on scene by Malcom Fire, Gilman Fire, Kellogg Fire, Grinnell Fire Auxiliary, Grinnell Police, Poweshiek County Sheriff's Office, Poweshiek County Emergency Management and Midwest Ambulance Service.

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