

## Fire Sprinkler Save

# **Sprinkler system credited with stopping townhome from burning down**

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A sprinkler system prevented a fire in a garbage can from spreading Thursday afternoon (April 28) in the Calumet Oaks townhome complex.

Firefighters were called at 1:24 p.m. to investigate a water flow alarm in one of the townhomes in the 14900 block of Pinto Lane. The sprinkler system had been activated to react to smoke coming from a garbage can located right outside of the door leading from the home into the garage.

Assistant Fire Chief Bruce VonBank said if there had not been a sprinkler system in the garage, the fire would have spread into the townhome and possibly to the other attached units. He estimated there were 12 units in the building where the fire started.

“It would have been a good-sized fire because it was burning pretty good to set off the sprinkler system,” he said.

VonBank said the fire appeared to be caused by smoking materials that were carelessly discarded into the garbage can. He estimated the structural damage was \$1,000 due to the water from the sprinkler system; but said some collectable items on the walls of the garage were also damaged and the estimate to replace those items could be as high as \$5,000.

Below are photos!

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