

Fire displaces four Edmund Street residents

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Firefighters work to extinguish a fire in a multi-unit apartment building on Edmund Street on December 1st. (Jim Herr/Cheektowaga Chronicle)

CHEEKTOWAGA – Four people were displaced after a fire severely damaged a three-unit apartment building in the Doyle Hose Fire District Saturday morning.

The fire was reported around 9:00 am at 93 Edmund Street. Don Szumigala is the Chief of Doyle Hose Co. No. 1. He found heavy smoke conditions and fire blowing out of multiple windows when he arrived on location.

“It gives us an indication that we’re at least a good five to ten minutes in for it to progress to that level. Some of these older houses kind of go up quick just because of the way they’re built,” said Mr. Szumigala. “The fire predominantly shot up into the walls and to the front upper side of the structure. We had a pretty solid knock-down with lines in all three apartments. Five lines total went into the structure and were working both the first and second floor.”

Four residents were able to self-evacuate from the fire. One of the residents was transported to Erie County Medical Center for evaluation. Another person was seeking help from the Red Cross while two others found shelter from friends and family.



There were no reported injuries to firefighters at the time of our interview Saturday morning.

Mr. Szumigala says it looks like the fire started in the front apartment and spread to the others. The cause of the fire is under investigation by the Cheektowaga Police Department's Fire Investigation Unit.

William Street was closed in both directions near Edmund Street while firefighters attended to the scene. The road was reopened around an hour later after the fire was brought under control.





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