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FIREFIGHTERS RESCUE WOMAN FROM BURNING BUILDING; FIRE BEING INVESTIGATED AS SUSPICIOUS

WHO: 41 Creekside Manor Residents (Evacuated)
4 patients transported (non-life threatening injuries)

WHAT: Structure Fire (suspicious)

WHEN: January 13, 2010
3:24 a.m.

WHERE: Creekside Manor II
1335 Pierce Street
Clearwater, Fla.

WHY: Clearwater Fire & Rescue responded to a fire alarm at the above listed location at 3:24 a.m. Upon arrival firefighters saw smoke and flames coming from the rear of the building and the incident was upgraded to a working fire.

Firefighters were alerted by 911 that a woman was trapped inside of her apartment (#104) and could not get out. Her unit is located adjacent to the lobby/common area where the fire originated. Firefighters quickly located the woman, who is wheelchair-bound, and carried her out of a window with a ground ladder. She and four other patients were transported to a local hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Firefighters assisted with the evacuation of several other residents. A total of 41 residents were evacuated from the building. Due to the cold temperatures, the residents were transported to a nearby building at 1318 Pierce Street. Sunstar assisted with transporting some residents who needed assistance.





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First-floor residents are not being permitted back into their apartments at this time, due to fire and smoke damage. All second-, third- and fourth-floor residents were allowed to return to their homes.

The two-alarm fire was brought under control within 15 minutes. Fifteen fire units responded, with a total of 60 firefighters. There is no estimate damage available at this time. The fire is suspicious in nature.

