



GREAT FALLS FIRE RESCUE

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GREAT FALLS FIRE RESCUE FIRE INFORMATION RELEASE

Great Falls, MT – Great Falls Fire Rescue’s D Platoon responded to a fire last evening at the Sleep Inn and Mainstay Suites. GFFR received a water flow alarm at 9:25pm. Engine 4 arrived on scene at 9:32pm. On arrival, Engine 4 saw people vacating the hotel, however they did not see any visible smoke or fire. On investigation, Engine 4 found that a small fire occurred in room 318. The fire started in a nightstand located next to a bed, which was close to an exterior wall. The fire had generated enough heat to activate the buildings fire sprinkler system, which functioned as designed, and quickly extinguished the fire. Being that the sprinkler system functioned as designed, the fire damage to the room was minimal, however, there was significant water damage to the second and third floors. Hotel management was able to move the majority of guests affected by the water from the sprinkler system to other rooms within the hotel. One guest was relocated to another hotel. There were no injuries as a result of the fire, and restoration crews are now on sight assessing the damage.

The occupant of room 318 could not be located when GFFR and GFPD crews were on scene of the fire. GFFR and GFPD have attempted to contact the room occupant, so far those attempts have been unsuccessful. As of this time, the cause of the fire is still under investigation.

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