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# INFORMATION BULLETIN

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## Fire Crews Attend Apartment Fire

**ABBOTSFORD, BC: July 7, 2014** –At 5:33pm on July 6, Abbotsford Fire Rescue Services responded to a report of an apartment fire at 33331 Old Yale Road.

Upon arrival, fire crews discovered smoke coming from a unit on the third floor of the complex. The fire was quickly brought under control and was confined to one suite.

Two residents of the apartment complex discovered the fire and forced their way into the suite. Despite encountering heavy smoke, they were able to control the fire with extinguishers and confirmed that no one was home.

These two males were treated for smoke inhalation and were transported by BC Ambulance to ARH. They were later released from hospital.

Despite the heroic efforts of these good samaritans, AFRS strongly advises against this type of intervention by members of the public. These two men could have easily succumbed to the effects of smoke inhalation since they had no safety gear and the fire could have easily spread to the hallways and adjoining units.

AFRS fire investigators have determined that the fire was likely accidental and was caused by candles that were burning on a table in the living room. The resident of the suite was not home at the time that the fire was discovered and did not have any contents insurance. The total damages are estimated at more than \$50,000, with some additional smoke damage to the third floor hallway.

Six AFRS fire trucks and approximately 25 firefighters were on scene. Emergency Social Services, APD and BC Ambulance also attended.

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