



FIRE & RESCUE

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## **SUSPICIOUS FIRE UNDER INVESTIGATION**

**WHO:** Clearwater Fire & Rescue  
State Fire Marshal, Florida

**WHAT:** Residential Structure Fire (Suspicious)

**WHEN:** November 6, 2011  
3:53 a.m.

**WHERE:** 413 Lebeau Street  
Clearwater, Fla.

**SUMMARY:** Clearwater Fire & Rescue responded to a one alarm fire at the four-unit apartment building. When firefighters arrived smoke and flames were showing and all residents were out of the building.. It took firefighters 20 minutes to get the fire under control.

Clearwater Police Officer William Nahorodny – the first person on scene- went into the burning building and successfully evacuated all occupants. No one was injured. A total of six people were displaced by the fire. Red Cross was notified to assist.

Fire investigators determined the fire started in unit #4, which was a total loss. The other three units in the building sustained smoke damage. A damage estimate is not available at this time.

Clearwater Fire and Rescue Investigators determined the fire was arson. The investigation continues. Anyone with information is asked to call the Arson Hotline at 877-662-7766.

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