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Saline County EMA Responds to Public Housing Fire

Just before 1:00pm, a fire was reported in a unit on the second floor of the 50 unit Saline County Housing Authority complex located at 160 Dewey Road in Eldorado, IL. Eldorado firefighters arrived and promptly dealt with the fire extinguishing the apartment on the buildings east side and removed smoke that had inundated most of the 2nd floor hall ways and some common areas. Residents were summarily evacuated by Saline County Housing Authority Staff and Rides Mass Transit employees.

Saline County Emergency Management Agency Coordinator Allan Ninness was on scene as an Eldorado firefighter. After the fire was dealt with, Coordinator Allan Ninness, working with the American Red Cross, established a temporary shelter at the Eldorado High School for affected residents. Red Cross and SCEMA volunteers are currently working to aid these individuals who have no other housing options available as result of the fire and smoke damage.

Saline County Housing Authority has had crews from Slay's Restoration on-scene working to clean the first and third floor common areas so residents can return to those floors by 10PM this evening.

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