

Structure Fire at the Indigo Hotel

At 11:30 a.m. on August 14, City fire crews responded to a reported fire at the Indigo Hotel in the 100 Block of State St. Smoke from the roof was reported by the first arriving engine companies. E1, 2, 3, Truck 1 and Battalion 714 were on the initial response. With smoke visible in a commercial structure, a second alarm was initiated. E5, and E6 were called to assist as a precaution. Upon laddering the roof, truck company crews were able to isolate the HVAC system motor to be the source of the smoke and fire. Further investigation indicated a sprinkler head had activated inside the wood burning stove hood system within the restaurant. Occupants of both the hotel and restaurant were evacuated by on-site employees. No injuries were reported.

City Fire Investigators have determined that a build-up of grease caused a fire in the ventilation hood system over the cooking grill. The extinguishing system functioned appropriately by automatically discharging the extinguishing agent and putting out the fire. The restaurant is temporarily closed until the extinguishing system can be placed back in service. The hotel is operating as usual.

