

Statement Regarding Bent Tree Apartments Fire

April 22, 2019

We are deeply saddened to share that emergency responders have confirmed one casualty from the fire that occurred at our community on the morning of April 22. This is an ongoing investigation and we continue to work closely with fire and police officials.

The safety and security of our residents and team members is our top priority. We have secured new homes for affected residents. Most of them are transferring to available apartments within the community, and one is relocating to one of our communities nearby. We thank the Red Cross for their work with residents on securing temporary accommodations.

We acquired this community in February 2018. The fire protection systems throughout the community are code compliant and operated as designed to alert residents. All apartment homes are outfitted with smoke detectors. The first fire alarm station pull occurred at 12:51a and emergency responders were dispatched at 12:55a. We are grateful for all the residents who knocked on doors and helped to bring their neighbors to safety alongside the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department.

The buildings impacted must remain closed while we assess the damage and continue investigations. Residents will be allowed to re-enter their homes once the investigation is complete and the building is determined to be structurally sound and secure. We will notify residents when the buildings are safe to enter.