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## Press Release

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On Monday, January 17, 2022, at about 9:30 pm Kenosha Fire Department responded to reports of an active fire located at Saxony Manor Apartments, 1870 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. Fire personnel arrived to find the entire building filled with toxic smoke and the west side of the building consumed with flames.

Quick work by the Kenosha Police Department assisted us with the evacuation of several residents before our arrival; however, two residents who were trapped in upper level units had to be rescued by KFD personnel utilizing ladder trucks. They were successfully rescued.

As crews worked to get the fire under control, displaced residents were held in warming busses provided by Kenosha Transit. The fire was controlled within approximately 30 minutes. Crews remained on scene for several hours conducting secondary searches of the structure. Two adults were found deceased. One adult appeared to have died from a medical event unrelated to the fire and the other as a result of the fire. A third adult later died at the hospital, due to injuries sustained in the fire.

A Kenosha police officer was transported to an area hospital for smoke inhalation, he was later released. Had it not been for the rapid response and evacuation efforts by the Kenosha Police Department there would likely have been more injury or death. Two people remain unaccounted for; however, we do not believe they are in the structure. Kenosha Fire is working with building management to locate these people.

This fire remains an open and active investigation, led by Kenosha Fire Department. The loss of life due to fire is something that deeply affects the City of Kenosha and our residents. Our Fire prevention Bureau routinely conducts inspections and will continue to strive to make every building in Kenosha as safe as possible.

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