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# Fire at Anchorage Pioneer Home Quickly Contained – No Injuries Reported

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA** – Late Thursday evening, a fire broke out in a resident's room on the second floor of the Anchorage Pioneer Home, located at 923 West 11th Avenue. The facility's sprinkler system activated immediately, containing the fire before it could spread. The Anchorage Fire Department responded quickly and is actively managing the situation.

Thankfully, no elders or staff were injured. However, due to fire and water damage, 10 elders have been temporarily relocated within the Pioneer Home while a restoration team begins cleanup efforts.

At this time, the cause of the fire remains under investigation. Additional updates will be provided as more information becomes available.

## How You Can Help

As we work to get elders back into their routines, we welcome donations of essential furnishings. Items needed include:

- Bedroom furniture (dressers, and nightstands)
- NEW bedding and linens preferably white (twin-size Comforters and pillows)
- Small student desks and chairs
- Small sofas



If you are interested in donating, please contact the Anchorage Pioneer Home at 907-343-7298 between 8 AM and 4 PM.

We appreciate the swift response from the Anchorage Fire Department and the dedication of our staff in ensuring the safety and well-being of our residents. Our priority remains providing a safe and secure environment for those in our care.

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Alaska Department of Family and Community Services (DFCS) includes the Division of Juvenile Justice, Alaska Psychiatric Institute, Alaska Pioneer Homes, and the Office of Children's Services. The mission of DFCS is to provide support, safety, and personal well-being for vulnerable Alaskans.