



## NEWS RELEASE

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Case No. 3400

Portage Department of Public Safety Police and Fire units responded to a fire at the Holiday Motel at 5540 S. Westnedge in Portage. Holiday Motel is a single story structure with 18 rental units. When fire units arrived, smoke and fire was coming from the north end of the building. The fire was contained to that end of the structure. Two victims were evaluated at Bronson Hospital. Portage Department of Public Safety Fire Division was assisted at the fire by Osthemo Fire, Comstock Fire, Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety, Pride Care Ambulance, Michigan State Police, Red Cross, and Metro Bus Services. Texas Fire assisted with station manning during the incident. The Red Cross opened up a shelter to provide for the displaced occupants.

The fire is still under investigation. Anyone with information is asked to call the Portage Department of Public Safety at 329-4567 or Silent Observer at 343-2100, [www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com](http://www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com).

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