



## NEWS RELEASE

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On July 17, 2017 at 10:45 p.m., the Portage Department of Public Safety responded to 400 Trade Centre Way, Courtyard Marriot, for smoke in the building. Portage police units arrived and found a fire in a laundry room and assisted with evacuating the hotel. Portage fire units arrived to find the building being evacuated and the lobby filling with smoke. Fire crews donned self-contained breathing apparatus and searched the laundry room until the fire was located in a commercial dryer. The fire was extinguished and the contents removed. Firefighters worked one and a half hours to ventilate the smoke from the building, after which the hotel guests were allowed back in the building. Fire personnel were assisted by Police, Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety, and Life EMS ambulance. No injuries were reported by occupants, bystanders, or emergency workers.

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