



TOWN OF STRATFORD
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***TOWN MAKES RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THOSE DISPLACED
BY SUCCESS AVE. FIRE; RELIEF FUND ESTABLISHED***

STRATFORD – On Wednesday afternoon a fire rapidly spread through an apartment building located at 685 Success Avenue, destroying most of the building and displacing approximately two dozen residents. While no life-threatening injuries resulted from the fire which is being ruled as accidental following an investigation by the Town Fire Marshall, the residents of the complex remain unable to return, and it is highly likely what remains of the building will need to be demolished.

“Our hearts go out to all of those who have been impacted by this terrible event,” said **Stratford Mayor Laura R. Hoydick**. “Our primary concern is that anyone who is displaced by this fire receives shelter, clothing and food is needed until they have made proper arrangements for themselves. We want to make sure everyone who needs help gets it.”

Hoydick noted that Stratford Community Services is available to assist those in need to navigate the resources available to them on an individual basis according to individual circumstances. They can be reached at 203-385-4095, or at communityservices@townofstratford.com during normal business hours. After hours or on the weekend they should reach out to the Red Cross at 1-877-287-3327, or the Town’s Public Safety Director at 203-260-2700.

A fund has been established by Sterling House Community Center in conjunction with the Town for relief of the families impacted. Donations to assist the families are being accepted online through Paypal on their website, sterlinghousecc.org, by mailing a check, or by visiting Sterling House and donating in person. All donations should be noted as for “**Success Ave. Fire Relief Fund**” to ensure contributions go to the relief of those impacted by the fire. 100% of all contributions will be used to support these residents in need.

Additionally, the American Red Cross has been very active in assisting the families displaced by the fire, providing comfort kits that include toothbrushes, deodorant, shaving supplies and other items a resident might not have been able to gather in the rush to escape the fire. In addition, a recovery envelope containing information helpful to families recovering from a fire, including tips on cleanup; notification of important contacts; dealing with damaged items and more was provided. Those wishing to make a donation in support of the American Red Cross and their mission can do so at redcross.org.

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