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Lakeland Fire Department Responds to Fire at Gilmore Terrace Apartments Sunday Morning, One Resident Injured

Lakeland – At approximately 9:40 AM, Sunday, November 10, 2013 the Lakeland Fire Department (LFD) responded to a structure fire at 815 Gilmore Ave, Apartment #104.

Upon the LFD's arrival the fire had been extinguished however signs of residual smoke remained in the living room and kitchen of the affected apartment where the fire is believed to have originated. Firefighters cleared the building of any possible occupants and the unit was ventilated. Residents were waiting outside upon the firefighter's arrival and were assessed on site. A 50 year old male resident of the unit suffered burns to his upper body and possible smoke inhalation. LFD established a landing zone and the patient was transported by helicopter to Tampa General Hospital for further treatment.

The fire, although still under investigation, is not believed to have been intentionally set and was possibly due to the burning of incense in a stove top pan. The Lakeland Fire Department reminds everyone that kitchen fires are the leading cause of home fires in the United States and that all cooking equipment should be used as directed for its designed use.

The scene was cleared by 10:30 AM. 6 LFD apparatus and 18 personnel responded.

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