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Fire Demonstrated Effective Emergency Preparedness at Towers at Laguna Woods Village

Laguna Woods Village — Recently a fire started in the kitchen of a resident's suite in the Towers at Laguna Woods Village in Orange County, CA. Heat and smoke immediately triggered an automatic fire alarm to the Orange County Fire Authority.

At that point, everyone involved did exactly what they needed to do. The Tower resident called for help, exited the unit and closed the door. Concurrently, a neighbor called 911, as did the Towers Reception Desk Staff.

According to Ed Fleming, Division Chief of the OCFA, these first few basic actions were credited with preventing the fire from spreading to other units, and made total containment much faster.

Equally important, incident Commander Ron Blau stated that taking action to alert the Orange County Fire Authority that it was indeed a fire and not a false alarm allowed the OCFA the necessary time to get appropriate response teams in place.

Thanks to the Towers one-hour fire rating and the resident closing the door, oxygen was cut off to the fire which was contained until the Fire Response team arrived. Chief Fleming praised Towers Staff for their actions — not only in assisting in the evacuation of residents — but also in extracting water.

The fire was contained in thirty minutes, and amazingly, dinner was served as usual in the dining room while room service delivered eighty meals to residents who were inconvenienced by the disruption.

Towers Administrator, Judie Zoerhof stated "Our Tier 3 disaster response was carried out to the letter, and I want to thank and commend residents for their patience throughout this entire incident. I particularly wish to thank the Orange County Fire Authority for their effective efforts."

The Towers at Laguna Woods Village is the premier active adult community in Orange County, California for those 55+ that offers the security of a private suite, the amenities of a fine hotel and the lifestyle of a California resort.

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