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Press Release

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Fire Incident

On Monday, March 9, 2026, at 7:00 am, the Jenkintown Fire Department and the Jenkintown Police Department were dispatched for a fire alarm activation at 603 West Ave and 605 West Ave. The occupants of the second-floor apartments at 605 West Ave. contacted Montgomery County Dispatch and advised that there was a fire on location in the second-floor apartment of 603 West Ave. The first arriving fire units found fire and smoke coming from the second-floor front and side of the building. Jenkintown Fire Department with assistance from Abington Fire Company, Edge Hill Fire Company, McKinley Fire Company, Rockledge Fire Company, and Weldon Fire Company quickly extinguished the fire in the affected portions of the building. One cat was rescued by fire personnel and resuscitated at the scene by Second Alarmers Rescue Squad personnel. The cat was transported by the owner to a local veterinarian for treatment. One cat perished in the fire. There was extensive damage to the affected apartment at 603 West Ave as well as smoke and water damage to the apartments at 605 West Ave, and the businesses on the first floor of 603 and 605 West Ave. The Red Cross responded and is assisting the residents with possible lodging and recovery. The fire is still under investigation by the Jenkintown Fire Marshal. The Jenkintown Fire Marshal is assisted by the Abington, Cheltenham, and Lower Moreland Fire Marshals. Any questions or concerns can be directed at the Jenkintown Fire Marshal or the Jenkintown Police Department.

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