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RECENT FIRE SHOWS IMPORTANCE OF WORKING SMOKE DETECTOR

On Tuesday, October 12, 2004, Lincoln Fire and Rescue responded to a fire call at the Oak Park Motel at 926 Oak Street in Lincoln. Crews arrived to a multi-unit building that had flames and smoke shooting out of one of its rooms. Lincoln Fire and Rescue quickly attacked and extinguished the blaze, keeping damage to a minimum without any injuries to LFR personnel or residents of the building.

LFR Captain Gregg Wiese said a man sleeping in the room heard the smoke detector, woke up and alerted those in other rooms to evacuate. Investigators said a pile of clothes caught on fire after being placed too close to a wall mounted heater.

A working smoke detector and the efforts of Lincoln Fire and Rescue are being credited with saving the lives of those staying at the Oak Park Motel and for saving nearly a half a million dollars in the property and its contents.

Lincoln Fire and Rescue reminds residents to test their smoke detectors before or after setting your clocks back for daylight savings time on Saturday October 31, 2004.

“The Oak Park Motel incident is a perfect example of why it’s important to keep and properly maintain at least one smoke detector on each floor of your home.” Lincoln Fire Chief Mike Spadt said. “Lincoln Fire and Rescue encourages all Lincoln residents to test their smoke detectors and replace the batteries when needed.” Spadt added.

Fire safety information can be found on the Lincoln Fire and Rescue website at www.lincoln.ne.gov keyword: fire.