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BURNSVILLE FIRE DISTRIBUTES FIRE PREVENTION/EDUCATION TOOLS TO CITY'S APARTMENT MANAGERS

Distribution Part of 'First-of-its-Kind' Program Aimed at Reducing Apartment Fires

The fruits of a \$47,000 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) began making their way into Burnsville apartment complexes this week. The grant, awarded to the Burnsville Fire Department in early 2011, is providing a much-needed boost to the City's ongoing battle against multi-unit housing fires.

On Feb. 8, the Fire Department began distributing multi-language fire education DVDs and other fire prevention tools to apartment managers. In addition to a large percentage of Burnsville's apartment managers, the distribution event was attended by members of the Burnsville Fire Department, Police Department, elected officials and Minnesota State Fire Marshal Jerry Rosendahl.

"The best way to prevent fires is through education," said Burnsville Assistant Fire Chief Dan Hove. "We hope that these materials will at the very least make people think about the things they are doing that put them at risk."

Thanks to the grant funding, the City and Fire Department were able to produce a multi-language fire prevention DVD available in English, Russian, Somali and Spanish. The DVD, which is specific to Burnsville, will be distributed by apartment managers to every multi-unit housing resident in the City. As an added incentive, tenants who watch the DVD and answer a short, five-question quiz on the City's website will be entered into a drawing for one of two \$50 Target gift cards.

The grant also helped purchase a number of self-extinguishing ash trays and automatic fire suppressors known as "StoveTop FireStops." These FireStops can be easily affixed to the underside of an oven hood, and will release a fire-suppressing powder when activated by a large stovetop flame. These fire prevention tools were distributed to select multi-unit housing property owners and managers.

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(hi-res photos available upon request)

Burnsville Fire Department distributed hundreds of boxes of fire prevention/education materials to city’s apartment managers.



Burnsville Firefighter/Paramedic Andy Hamlin provides an overview of the fire prevention campaign to a crowd of apartment managers.



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