



**Township of North Brunswick
Fire Marshal's Office
710 Hermann Road
North Brunswick, NJ 08902**

Fire Investigation Report

Date of Incident: November 11, 2021

Time of Alarm: 07:25 am

Incident Number: 21058425

Location: 316 Willowbrook Drive, Building #5

Investigators: Deputy Fire Marshal Brian Wright (464)

The Alarm:

North Brunswick Police received a 911 call from Joshua Garber, tenant in unit 316, stating that the furnace in his apartment was on fire. He stated that he notified neighbors of the possible fire in his apartment. Police arrived and confirmed that there was a fire in the furnace of unit 316 and it has been extinguished.

The Origin and Cause:

The origin of the fire was inside the gas fired forced air furnace within the electrical wiring. The cause of the fire is undetermined but not to rule out a failure of an electrical component within the furnace.

Damage:

Damage was contained to the inside of the gas fired forced air furnace. Slight smoke damage to the inside area of the utility closet and the area in the hall adjacent to the bedroom.

Fire Department Units on Location:

Engine 101, Engine 3.

Witness Information:

Joshua Garber, resident of unit #316, stated that he was woken by the sound of the carbon monoxide detector sounding in the hall outside his bedroom, not the smoke detector, he went into the hall and saw smoke coming from his laundry closet, which has vents to the utility room on the back wall, and then went to the utility room and saw smoke and fire coming from the vents on the front of the furnace. He grabbed his keys and wallet and exited the unit then began to notify neighbors of a fire in his apartment.

Homeowner: Tenant: Joshua Garber
732-740-1367

This report is generated considering information available at the time of its completion
My conclusions are subject to change as additional information is uncovered

Report Written by:
Deputy Fire Marshal Brian Wright (464)

