



City of Yuma Fire Department  
***Press Release***

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Subject: Sprinkler Save

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On January 19<sup>th</sup> at approximately 3:00pm, the Yuma Fire Department was dispatched to a report of a fire in the 1900 blk of West 30<sup>th</sup> street. Crews from the Yuma Fire Department arrived to find a large multifamily residential complex with an active sprinkler head flowing. Yuma Engine 6 discovered a cooking fire on the back patio of the apartment complex that had been extinguished by the sprinkler system. Crews immediately shut down the sprinkler system and reset the alarm panel. No injuries were reported.

Fire sprinkler systems can keep fires from spreading and can even extinguish them. Fire spreads quickly and can double in size every minute. Even small fires can cause significant property damage and endanger those nearby. Contrary to many Hollywood portrayals, only sprinkler heads directly exposed to the heat activate, not those in the rest of the room, building, or complex.

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