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Press Release

For Immediate Release

Partial Roof Collapse at Three Story, Multi-Family Structure

June 12, 2015 (Highland Park, Texas) – At 9:36 p.m., the Highland Park Department of Public Safety (HPDPS) responded to a three story, 12 unit, multi-family dwelling in the 4200 block of Lomo Alto Drive: the 9-1-1 caller stated she heard a crashing sound and exclaimed, “My ceiling has fallen into the floor!” First arriving officers observed a partial roof collapse on the northwest corner of the building. The partial roof collapse impacted three townhomes, two of which were occupied at the time of the collapse. A total of three occupants inside the two townhomes were evacuated and did not suffer any injuries. Residents in uninvolved areas of the building were evacuated for safety.

Representatives from the electric and gas utility companies were called to turn off services to the damaged townhomes. The Town of Highland Park Building Official responded to the scene to inspect the roof and the damage to the three townhomes beneath the roof collapse. Roof, attic, and ceiling material from an approximate 20ft by 20ft opening fell onto the third floor, and the weight of the debris caused part of the third floor to collapse onto the second and first floors. The cause of the roof collapse has yet to be determined, but HPDPS personnel ruled out an explosion or fire event.

HPDPS officers escorted individuals displaced by the collapse back into their townhomes so they could gather personal belongings before leaving the scene.

The roof will be inspected by an independent structural engineer on the morning of Friday, June 12th, to isolate the cause of the collapse and determine structural integrity for the undamaged areas. For townhomes not impacted by the roof collapse, once the remaining roof structure and building is deemed safe then residents will be allowed back into their homes.

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