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## Fire Damages Four Condo Units

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VERNON -- A fire initially reported as a dryer fire Tuesday afternoon heavily damaged four units at the Ryefield I condominium complex at 60 Old Town Road.

No injuries were reported in the blaze, which may have begun in a wall between units 99 and 100, officials said.

Firefighters received calls about 4:55 p.m. from people in units 99 and 100 reporting a dryer fire, Vernon Fire Department Capt. Bill Graugard said. Arriving firefighters found heavy smoke at the scene and declared it a structure fire at 5:10 p.m., Fire Chief Robert Kelley said.

The fire displaced 10 people. Three were to receive lodging assistance from the American Red Cross, Graugard said. The rest planned to stay with friends and relatives.

The fire traveled from unit 99 into 100, 101 and 102 through the attic, Kelley said. A team of firefighters made a stand in unit 98 to prevent the fire from spreading, saving the remaining units in the building, Kelley said.

Two tower-ladder trucks positioned on either side of the building poured water into the burning units. The fire caused the roofs to collapse on units 99, 100 and 101.

Kathy Misorski, who lives in unit 100, said she called her roommate shortly before leaving work and everything was OK. "A half hour later I came to this," she said. She said her roommate got out of the building.

"That's the most important thing, everybody's safe," she said. "It's just a shock."

Firefighters from Vernon, Tolland and Ellington were at the scene. Volunteers from Manchester stood by at a Vernon fire station in case another call came in.

Kelley said the fire was largely out at about 6 p.m.

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