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At approximately 02:08, August 28, 2015 the Kalispell Fire Department was dispatched to the 1305 5th avenue East for a report of an apartment building on fire. The fire was discovered by an attentive neighbor who reported it via 911. On arrival fire crews found the second floor exterior and attic space of a 4 unit apartment on fire. The building was quickly evacuated and the fire was extinguished with the mutual aid assistance of the Evergreen, Whitefish, and Smith Valley fire departments. The fire started on a second floor exterior balcony and quickly spread into the shared attic space of the building. Improperly discarded smoking materials were the source of ignition. All of the tenants were able to return to their apartments, with the only damage being in the apartment of origin. No injuries have been reported from this incident. Other agencies assisting included Kalispell Police Department and Flathead Electric.

The Kalispell Fire Department would like to remind the community of the importance of properly discarding smoking materials. Potted plants are not a suitable area for disposal, as many of the commercial potting soils and fertilizers can be flammable.

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