



Case Study: Nursing Home Fire

February, 2025

Mount Carmel, Pennsylvania

- Saturday, January 4, 2025, just before 8:00 am a fire started at the Mount Carmel Senior Living Community
- It was a three-alarm fire, that included the transport of 12 residents, three staff members and five first responders; 19 patients were treated for minor injuries, and one staff member was hospitalized for smoke inhalation
- The fire was contained in about one hour
- Believe the fire originated in a hallway
- Displaced residents were placed in another facility

Impacts:

- Patient evacuation – physical and mental impairments
- HAZMAT concerns
- Displaced residents
- Facility re-opening considerations

Preparedness:

- COOP
- Evacuation
- Recovery planning
- Risk communications

Sources:

- [20 Injured at PA Nursing Home Fire](#)
- [Pennsylvania Nursing Home Fire Sends 20 to the Hospital](#)

Resources:

- ASPR TRACIE: [Healthcare COOP and Recover Planning Concepts Principles Templates and Resources](#)
- ASPR TRACIE: [Healthcare Facility Evacuation and Sheltering](#)
- ASPR TRACIE: [Tips for Healthcare Facilities: Assisting Families and Loved Ones after a Mass Casualty Incident](#)