



PORT COLBORNE

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Fire code violation conviction issued January 28, 2021

Port Colborne, ON (Jan. 29, 2021) – On April 29, 2020, Port Colborne Fire & Emergency Services responded to a 911 call at 555 King Street for a report of smoke in the building. Fire Fighters responded and found no smoke in the building. Upon further investigation it was found that the smoke detectors at the top of the stairs (front and back) were covered making the fire alarm system disabled.

On January 28, 2021, in Provincial Offences Court, the person having care and control of the eight unit apartment building, Gateway Residential and Community Support Services of Niagara, pleaded guilty to one charge; failing to maintain the fire alarm system in operating condition. Fines totaled \$2,500.00.

Quotes

“City Council appreciates and supports the work Fire & Emergency Services does for this community,” said Mayor Steele. “Its important residents understand they also have a part to play in fire safety, like making sure fire alarm systems are in operating condition.”

“Our goal is to ensure public safety,” said Fire Chief Tom Cartwright. “If at any time we find contraventions of the Ontario Fire Code we will endeavor to ensure that they are enforced for the safety of our residents.”

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