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Rapid Response Ensures Resident Safety Following Flooding at Easthampton Housing Authority Property

EASTHAMPTON, MA — At approximately 6:30 a.m. today, the Easthampton Fire Department responded to an incident at an Easthampton Housing Authority property after a sprinkler system burst, resulting in significant flooding to four residential units.

Upon notification of the incident, Executive Director Lindsi Sekula and Maintenance Director Mark Hibbert immediately responded to the property to assess the situation, coordinate emergency response efforts, and assist affected tenants.

While no injuries were reported and all residents are safe, four units were deemed temporarily uninhabitable due to water damage. Management acted quickly to relocate displaced tenants into available vacant units, ensuring residents had safe housing with minimal disruption.

“While this was an unfortunate event that was completely outside of our control, I am incredibly proud of how quickly everyone came together to respond. From our staff and emergency responders to local organizations and community partners, this incident demonstrated the strength of our community. I am always amazed by the way Easthampton shows up for one another during times of need. Most importantly, all affected tenants are safe and have already been relocated to alternative housing within our community. We are grateful to everyone who played a role in this response and recovery effort, ensuring that residents were supported with urgency, compassion, and care,” said Executive Director Lindsi Sekula.

The Easthampton Housing Authority extends its sincere gratitude to the many individuals and organizations whose immediate assistance made a difference, including Angels Attic/Our Lady of the Valley, for providing furniture and household essentials for displaced residents. Robin and The Easthampton Community Center, for supplying linens, food, and other necessities. The Easthampton Fire Department, especially Captain Constantine and Deputy Chief Benson, for their professionalism, support, and guidance throughout the response. Baystate Sprinklers and Baystate Restoration, who mobilized quickly and have already begun work to restore the affected units.

Restoration and repair efforts are currently underway, and management will continue working closely with affected residents throughout the recovery process.

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