

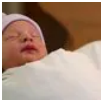
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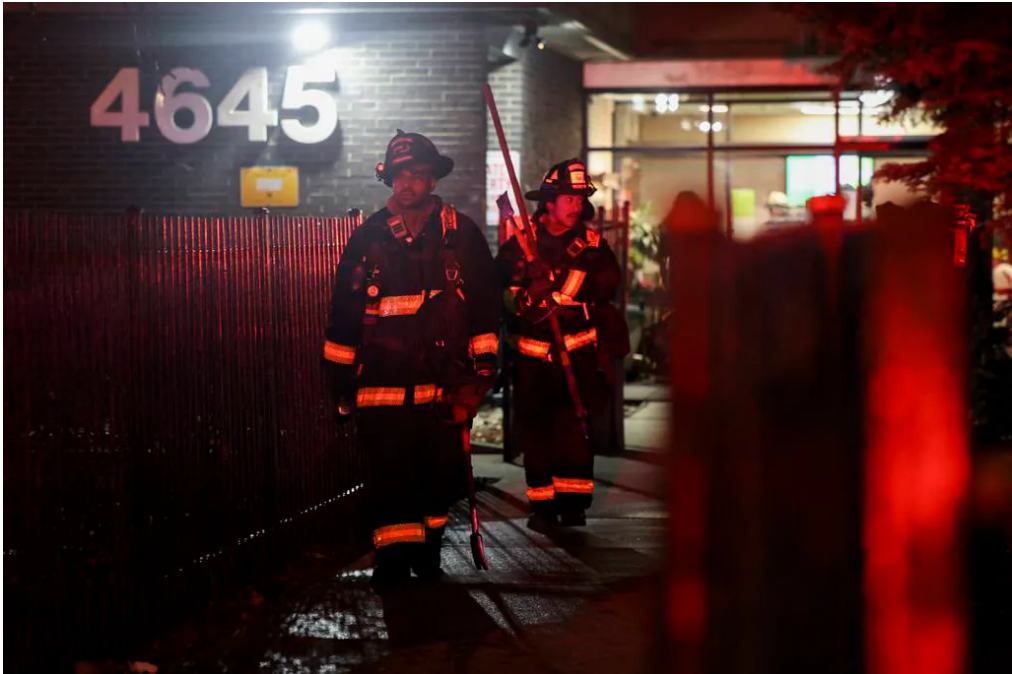
At least 3 injured in 2-alarm fire at Uptown public housing building

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Chicago firefighters respond to a fire at a residential high-rise at 4645 N Sheridan Rd. on Dec. 19, 2023.
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Chicago firefighters responded Tuesday evening to a 2-alarm fire at a public housing building in Uptown.

The fire started in a 4th-floor unit at the Ella Flagg Young Apartments at 4645 N. Sheridan Rd., according to the fire department. At least three people were removed from the scene.

Firefighters put the fire out around 6 p.m. At least 15 fire trucks and three advance support units were outside the building by 6:15 p.m. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

The Ella Flagg Young Apartments are owned by the Chicago Housing Authority and house senior citizens 62 and older.

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“I thought it was my machine,” Taylor told the Chicago Tribune. “It was coming from the elevator, so I called the fire department.”



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Unable to access the elevator, Taylor climbed down to the 4th floor, where she was told to take an alternate route out of the building. “I couldn’t go nowhere,” Taylor said. “They told me to go across.”

On her way out, Taylor said she witnessed a firefighter attempting to resuscitate a woman. A caregiver who works in the building, Taylor was unable to find her client as the fire was extinguished.

“I didn’t think he’d go (out) without telling me,” Taylor said.

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