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Tragedy Strikes at Broadwalk Urban Village in Midrand

A devastating fire broke out at the Broadwalk Urban Village residential complex in Midrand, located approximately 1 kilometer from the Gautrain Station, resulting in the evacuation of the majority of residents.

EMS Firefighters responded promptly to the incident and started with the firefighting operation which was followed by the team conducting a room-by-room search to ensure everyone's safety. People who sustained injuries were transported to a nearby hospital.

The complex, which comprises around 130 apartments, and about 60 units were severely affected by the fire. The cause of the blaze will be thoroughly investigated once firefighting operations are complete.

In a positive development, an accommodation resolution has been reached, and the Owner of the Complex will provide alternative accommodation to all residents affected by the incident. For further information, please contact Mafadi Property Rentals.

Tragically, the EMS Search and Rescue Team has recovered the body of a female from the rubble on the second floor of the complex, where the fire is believed to have started. The body was found submerged under the collapsed roof around 10:00 am today. The Acting Executive Mayor, Councillor Jack Sekwaila extends heartfelt condolences to the family and loved ones of the deceased.

The investigation into the cause of the fire is ongoing, and it is crucial to determine whether the necessary fire safety measures, including fire engineering plans, fire sprinklers, smoke detectors, fire alarms, evacuation plans, and emergency exits, were in place and implemented effectively.

For more information, please contact Xolile Khumalo on 083 702 7398.

Stay safe, Johannesburg!

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