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**City of Duluth - Fire Department**

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**DATE: 6/1/2019**

**SUBJECT: Structure Fire- City of Duluth**

**BY: Assistant Fire Chief, Brent Consie**

**NATURE OF INCIDENT: Structure Fire**

**CASE NO.: 19-5402**

**INCIDENT DATE: 6/1/2019**

**INCIDENT TIME: 1546**

**INCIDENT LOCATION: 1600 Miller Trunk Hwy**

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At 3:46 PM on Saturday June 1st, the Duluth Fire Department responded to a report of smoke at the JC Penney department store in the Miller Hill Mall.

The first arriving Fire Company found the store evacuated and fire alarms sounding. Store staff directed fire crews to a reported smell of smoke in the salon area on the second floor. Fire Department members isolated the source of the smoke and opened a wall behind a dryer in the salon area. The members found a small fire that had started as a result of a segment disconnection in the metal dryer vent.

The incidental lint build-up behind the wall and heat source from the dryer in use was the cause of fire. The members extinguished the fire, isolated the cause and removed the smoke from the building.

Store staff and customers were allowed back into the building at 4:44 PM. The salon is to remain closed for the remainder of the day.

Damage is estimated to be \$2500 (Twenty-Five Hundred Dollars) and is due to necessary repairs to the wall and dryer vent.

There were no civilian or Fire Department Member injuries.

Duluth Fire Companies from Downtown, Duluth Heights, and Spirit Valley responded to the incident.