



## Media Release

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### 220 – 224 Mitchell Street

**Port Colborne, ON (July 20, 2017)** – In a continued effort to protect the public with regard to fire safety, the City of Port Colborne Fire & Emergency Services enacted Section 15 of the Fire Protection and Prevention Act “Immediate Threat to Life”.

In co-operation with the Office of the Fire Marshal, Niagara Regional Police, Region of Niagara Community Services, Red Cross and Port Cares, a total of ten (10) residents were removed from 220 – 224 Mitchell Street on Tuesday, July 18, 2017, and provided with temporary alternative accommodations.

The property was found to have numerous fire safety issues that resulted in this action. The building is currently secured and under the control of the Fire Department.

Fire Chief Thomas B. Cartwright stated that “conditions such as those found within the building will simply not be tolerated”. The safety of our citizens is a priority of the City’s Fire Department.

The Fire Department will continue to be diligent with fire safety matters and encourage homeowners, landlords and tenants to live a fire safe life. Everyone is encouraged to meet the requirements of the Ontario Fire Code which includes having working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

Mayor John Maloney said “Thank you to the Fire Department and co-operating agencies and their staff and volunteers for taking action to protect the safety of the City’s residents. While it is a difficult situation, it is of the utmost importance that our residents have safe conditions in which to live.”

Non-compliance will not be tolerated. **“Never Think It Can’t Happen To You” - Fire Kills.**

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