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Atlantic City Fire Department Responds to Separate Incidents at PAL Building

The Atlantic City Fire Department responded to two separate incidents at the PAL Building involving a reported foam exposure and a small fire.

On July 31, 2026, at approximately 12:13 pm the Atlantic City Fire Department was dispatched to the Atlantic City PAL Building, where juveniles were attending a PAL Summer Camp Party, for a report of 24 juveniles exposed to foam that resulted in reported irritation.

Atlantic City Fire Department personnel, including HazMat 1 and Ladder 1, responded to the scene. Upon arrival, EMS on the scene reported that several juveniles were experiencing difficulty breathing, burning eyes, and skin irritation. Two juveniles were transported to AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center for further evaluation, and the remaining declined treatment.

While crews were on scene for the HazMat incident, the Atlantic City Fire Department responded to a separate incident involving a small fire on the second floor of the gym. An electrical cord caught fire, resulting in a smoke condition inside the building. The fire was extinguished, and the gym was evacuated.

All children and staff were relocated to unaffected areas of the building. One juvenile was transported to AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center for possible smoke inhalation. The incident was placed under control, and there is no ongoing threat to the public.

The incidents remain under investigation, and additional information will be released as it becomes available.

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