



FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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Incident Location: 12901 Garden Grove Boulevard
Time: 9:34 p.m.

PEPPER SPRAY DISCHARGED FORCES EVACUATION

A hazardous materials response was requested by a Garden Grove Fire Department crew after they were exposed to pepper spray while on a medical aid incident at the Candlewood Suites shortly after 9:00 p.m. The fire fighters detected an odor, and experienced mild respiratory irritation while on the incident. Crews quickly evacuated 22 guests from the third floor, with one room's occupants refusing to leave. They were sheltered in place. Hazardous materials teams from Anaheim Fire and Rescue and Huntington Beach Fire Department assisted in the investigation. After a search, it was determined that pepper spray was sprayed on the walls of the hallway on the third floor. There was no report of injury to guests or fire fighters, and no one was transported to the hospital.

The floor was being ventilated to remove the spray, and guests were expected to return to the hotel. Officers from the Garden Grove Police Department were on scene investigating. Anyone with information about the incident can call the police department at (714) 741-5704.

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