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Fire in Wilfrid Laurier University's Waterloo College Hall residence

University provides temporary accommodation, counselling and exam deferral to affected students

WATERLOO — At 6:15 p.m. today, Tuesday April 14, a fire alarm was activated in Waterloo College Hall residence at Wilfrid Laurier University. The Waterloo Fire Department was notified immediately and University Special Constables were on scene by 6:17 p.m. The building was evacuated by 6:20 p.m. and the fire was out by 7:30 p.m. The Ontario Fire Marshall's office is en route and Waterloo Regional Police are currently on scene.

One student has been taken to hospital. The student's parents have been notified. No other injuries have been reported.

Waterloo College Hall houses a maximum of 320 students, however it would not currently be at full capacity because of exam schedules. Accommodations have been secured for the displaced students in various hotels in Waterloo. Transportation has also been organized.

Exam deferrals will be granted to any affected students who request it. The University's Counselling Services will also be assisting students as needed.

Students are being advised to contact their parents as soon as possible to let them know where they will be staying. Updates will be provided on the University website (www.wlu.ca) as they become available. General inquiries can also be directed to University Dispatch at 519-885-3333.