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**NHA Staff Successfully Handles Fire Interruption at Senior Complex**

**Newark, NJ – July 26, 2010—** A fire broke out at 4 a.m. July 7 at our Kretchmer Elderly development at 100 Ludlow St. Quick-thinking staff contacted the local fire department, who extinguished the fire in a timely manner. The 62 families who resided in the building were evacuated under the order of the fire chief; this was mainly due to the destruction of the electrical system.

NHA Chief of Operations Janet Abrahams was also called to the scene that morning.

“Staff response to the fire should be commended, I am very proud to be part of a team that is dedicated to providing superior service to our clients,” Abrahams said. “Their level of team work and commitment was evident in how well the evacuation, transportation, and meals for the displaced residents were orchestrated. I want to especially thank the Asset Manager Daisy Bermudez who spent the days at the hotel with the residents so that they will have a level of continuity in their time of need. This selfless gesture was well received by not only the residents but also the hotel staff.”

On Wednesday, July 7 forty-one families were placed in alternative housing at the Marriott Hotel. The remaining 21 families were placed with family members. On Friday, July 9 the contractors were able to return power from the 7th through 15th floor. On July 9, twenty-nine families were returned to the building, this left 12 families in the hotel. On Tuesday, July 13 power was returned to the remaining floors. All families living from 1 to 6th floors were returned to the building.