Roanoke Fire-EMS News Release:

On Wednesday, March 12, 2014, Roanoke Fire-EMS responded to a second alarm structure fire at 4815 Rutgers St., Valley View Village.  The call was received in the E-911 Center at approximately 10:35pm and was under control by 11:05pm. Thirty-four Fire-EMS personnel responded to the scene, as well as the Roanoke Police Department and a crew from Roanoke County Fire & Rescue.

When crews arrived they found fire and smoke showing from a first floor
window of an apartment complex with heavy smoke showing from the third
floor.  When firefighters got off the truck, they found a victim in the third story window above the fire with heavy black smoke coming out from
around them.  That victim was quickly rescued by ground ladders with an
additional four other rescues being performed shortly after.  Three
civilians were injured - two were transported to the hospital with smoke
inhalation. No firefighters were injured.

The American Red Cross responded to the scene and assisted 18 of the 34
people displaced. A total of 12 apartments were affected by the fire.
Damage estimates are approximately $375,000.  The fire has been ruled
accidental and was caused by cooking.