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Police officers save seven lives from burning building:

CENTRAL FALLS – On January 28th, 2017, at approximately 1:30 am, Officer Yomaira Rodriguez was patrolling the area of Earle Street near Crossman Street when she noticed the residential building located at 137 Earle Street was on fire. She immediately notified officers in the area of the situation whereas Sergeant Derrick Levasseur and Officer Bari Cameron arrived within seconds.

Due to the severity of the situation and time being of the essence, all three officers entered the burning building to search for any occupants. Levasseur and Cameron entered the first floor apartment and located a husband, wife and their three year old son. The family was asleep in bed together and their room was already filled with smoke. All three were safely removed from the apartment. Officer Rodriguez responded to the second floor apartment and located three adult females and one adult male who were also sleeping and had no idea that their apartment was filling with smoke until Rodriguez arrived. It is believed if the residents had not been removed by the officers when they were, the carbon monoxide would have incapacitated them.

There is evidence that suggests the fire was deliberately set; as such the department's efforts have are now focusing on the cause. Members of the Police Department's Detective Bureau are currently working in conjunction with the State Fire Marshal's Office and the Central Falls Fire Department to fully investigate this incident. The arson is currently an open investigation and therefore, no further information regarding the specifics of the crime can be given at this time.

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