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Yet another reason

for fire sprinklers

Dozens of people were displaced from their homes and places of business on July 11 after a fire broke out at the Brittany Chase Condominium complex on Brittany Road in [Wayne](#) ("Condo blaze routs dozens," Page L-1, July 12). More than 100 firefighters reported to the scene, as the blaze tore through the roof of one building, causing large sections of it to collapse. Several firefighters were treated at the scene for heat exhaustion as temperatures climbed toward 90 degrees. The fire destroyed large portions of the building's interior, but thankfully, no one was seriously injured.

In many cases, properly installed and maintained fire sprinklers control and typically extinguish a fire before the fire department even arrives on the scene.

More important, the presence of fire sprinklers mitigates the risk to individuals affected by the blaze, including firefighters who battle the fire.

Fire sprinklers are the only proactive form of fire protection, providing firefighters the time they need to do their jobs effectively and as safely as possible and helping to avoid potential tragedies.

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