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MTA Police Rescue Three People from Burning Building in Westbury

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) announced that earlier today the quick actions of two MTA Police Department officers saved the lives of three people in an early-morning building fire in Westbury.

Just a few minutes into the new day on Sunday April 15, two MTA police officers, on routine patrol in Westbury, Long Island, came upon a building fire at 249 Post Avenue. The officers – Patrick Riedel and Kenneth Wilson – immediately requested the assistance of Nassau County Police and fire rescue via radio.

The officers then entered the burning building and located three individuals on the third floor. Two adults and a 5 year-old child were evacuated to safety. All three refused medical aid.

The Westbury Fire Department responded and extinguished the blaze.

Police Officer Riedel has nine years on the MTA Police force, and Officer Wilson has eight years.