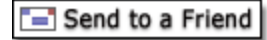




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### Denver Water Board issues statement on closed water valves, says it will look into improvements

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DENVER - The Denver Water Board says shut-off water valves had little affect on how firefighters fought a Christmas Day blaze in Littleton.

The fire damaged eight units in a condominium complex last Thursday.

Littleton's fire division chief says low water pressure hampered firefighters, but Denver Water spent the past few days inspecting valves, and within a half-mile radius officials found that only four of the 58 valves were closed. They say none of the closed valves actually service the complex.

Still, the Denver Water Board will look at improvements.

"It's given us the chance to revisit our procedures and see if we need to make modifications and in this case we are going to make modifications," said Ray Olsen, Denver Water assistant superintendent.

Some of those improvements involve checking valves more frequently in areas where new construction is underway because contractors often shut down the valves.

There are 42,000 valves in the Denver Water system.

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