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Early Morning Commercial Fire in Kent Valley

Kent, Wash. -April 7, 2016- Just before 5 am this morning, units from Renton Fire Department, Tukwila Fire Department, and Kent Regional Fire Authority were dispatched to a commercial fire on the 19800 block of 84th Ave South in Kent. Initially a small response for and automatic fire alarm, the first unit that arrived upgraded the call to a "commercial fire" response after confirming smoke was present. The upgrade triggered the addition of more resources.

After a thorough search of the area, firefighters were able to announce the fire was completely out. Fortunately, the building's fire sprinkler system was able to not only keep the fire in check, it actually extinguished the fire. A manual check along with confirmation from a thermal imaging camera assured there was no more fire. Another key to this morning's fire was that the business was able to put its emergency evacuation plan into practice and all employees were made their way to safety.

The Kent RFA Fire Investigator determined the fire to be accidental due to failure of a small electrical component. There were no injuries to employees or firefighters. The damage is estimated to be \$10,000 and limited to a small area of the business. Employees were able to resume work relatively quickly after the fire was out and the building deemed safe.

It is a great idea to have an emergency plan in place not only at home and school, but also at your place of employment. Additionally, it is even better to practice the plan to ensure everyone's safety.

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