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Smoky Dryer Fire Displaces 2 Families from Kent Apartment

Kent, Wash. - January 19, 2015 - A very smoky dryer fire displaced a family of 4 and a family of 2 from their apartments in the 23600 block of 62 Avenue South in Kent early this evening. Neighbors knocked on the door of the apartment where a strong smell of smoke was coming from. No one answered and the door and 911 was called.

The first Kent Fire Department emergency unit to arrive forced the door of the apartment open and found the unit filled with smoke. They found a fire in the dryer and extinguished it within a couple of minutes. Firefighters checked to be sure the fire had not extended into the walls or ceiling. The fire was confined to the dryer itself, although some smoke and heat damage to the walls and ceilings was visible.

A family of 4 and a family of 2 were displaced by the smoky fire. The family of 2 is staying with family in the area and the family of 4 is receiving housing assistance through their renters insurance.

The Kent Fire Investigator ruled the fire as accidental as a result of an electrical problem with the dryer. There were no reports of injuries to residents or firefighters.

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