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A Smoky Bedroom Fire Displaces Family of 3 from Their City of Seatac Apartment

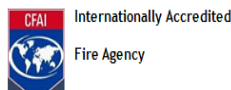
Kent, Wash. - January 29, 2016- A smoky bedroom fire in the City of Seatac has displaced a family of three from their apartment just after midnight this morning. The fire, in the 3700 block of South 180th Street, was reported at 12:17 this morning. The caller reported a small bedroom fire that was growing rapidly. The building fire alarm sounded and the building was evacuated.

The first arriving fire department emergency unit reported heavy dark smoke showing from one end of the 3rd floor of the building. Due to the size of the apartment building and the number of residents a 2nd alarm was requested immediately which brought additional emergency units and personnel to assist. Firefighters entered the building and found heavy smoke conditions on the 2nd and 3rd floors. The firefighters found the fire in a 3rd floor bedroom and were able to quickly extinguish the fire. Firefighters then searched the apartment for any hidden fire in the walls and ceiling and found none. The fire was called extinguished at 12:43 this morning.

The cause of the fire was determined by the Kent Fire Investigator to be combustibles too close to the baseboard heater. Damages were estimated at \$75,000.00.

The displaced family is receiving housing and other assistance through the American Red Cross. There were no reports of injuries to residents or firefighters.

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