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## Kent West Hill Dryer Fire Displaces 2 Residents

Kent, Wash. - February 26, 2015- A smoky dryer fire has displaced the 2 residents of a house in the 27000 block of Military Avenue South on Kent's West Hill. At about 7:00 this evening one of the residents noticed smoke coming from the dryer while drying clothes. He opened the dry dryer to see what was going on and found the clothes were burning. He also saw dark smoke coming from under the dryer and saw flames under the dryer. He left the house and called 911.

The first arriving fire department emergency unit reported smoke and flames from the house were visible and made a quick attack on the fire. The fire was extinguished within minutes. Firefighters searched for fire extension in the attic and walls but no hidden fire was found.

The Kent Fire Investigator determined the cause of the fire to be a mechanical problem with the clothes dryer. Fire damage to the residence was limited to the kitchen/laundry room area with smoke, heat and water damage throughout the rest of the structure. The Kent Fire Investigator estimated damages at \$75,000.

The 2 displaced residents are receiving housing and other assistance through the American Red Cross. No injuries to residents or firefighters were reported.

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