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2 Alarm Kent Apartment Fire

Kent, Wash. - February 28, 2016- Several families have been displaced following a two-alarm apartment fire in the 23200 block of 88 Ave. S.

The fire was first reported at 2:05 am, and was followed by several callers who stated that a first floor balcony was on fire and that it was spreading to the second and third stories.

When firefighters from the Kent RFA, Renton, Tukwila, and South King Fire and Rescue arrived, they were faced with rescuing several people who were trapped on the balconies of apartments adjacent to those on fire. Among those rescued were a baby and her mother. Several of those who were rescued or self-evacuated were evaluated by King County paramedics for minor injuries. No one was transported to a hospital. Kent Police provided security at the fire scene and the Zone 3 Explorers staffed the rehab area.

While the rescues were going on, several other crews began attacking the fire from the outside to knock down the flames, which had fully engulfed all three floors. By quickly getting water on the fire, firefighters were able to protect the adjoining apartments and keep the fire out of the attic space.

Red Cross was brought to the scene to assist the displaced families. The occupants of all twelve units have been relocated due to the damage to the building. Site managers have found apartments for all of the displaced residents to stay in. Approximately 30 people have been affected.

Fire investigators have concluded that the fire started when sparks from a charcoal BBQ ignited combustibles on the deck of the first floor apartment.

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