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Morning Commercial Fire in Kent Valley

Kent, Wash. - May 2, 2016- Just before 7 AM this morning, crews from Kent Regional Fire Authority and Renton Fire Department responded to a commercial fire in the 8100 block of 216 street in Kent. The structure is home to a large manufacturing business that operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

When fire personnel arrived, they were informed from the business that all the employees had been evacuated and several employees addressed the fire with multiple fire extinguishers. Fire crews made their way to the source of the fire to ensure that there was no longer a threat. After spraying down the affected area with water and a thorough search, the crews were able to confirm the fire was indeed out.

The Kent RFA Fire Investigator determined the fire to have started in the ventilation/filtration system of some manufacturing equipment and ruled the fire to be accidental. The damage estimate is \$10,000 at the time of this media release. The employees were able to return to the building and business was allowed to resume.

It needs to be pointed out that this business was well prepared for an emergency such as this fire. This is a large manufacturing business and every employee quickly evacuated and ultimately was accounted for. The business conduct a two fire drills a year. Also, the quick actions of the employees who initiated the fire alarm/evacuation and suppressed the fire using several fire extinguishers have to be recognized. Their quick action lead to a quick evacuation and held the fire at bay. The workers of this local business shared that they received fire extinguisher training from the Kent RFA within the last couple years. It was this training that allowed them the confidence to deal with this emergency.

Those who work and/or reside in Kent, Covington, and SeaTac can always contact the Kent RFA for further information on various ways on how to be prepared for an emergency at work/home. Programs like Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) through our Emergency Management division or Fire Extinguisher training and Evacuation Planning through our Public Education division are available resources. For more information, please visit www.kentfire.org.

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