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SHAG Housing Fire

Kent, Wash. - July 11, 2016- One person was sent to the hospital this evening due to injuries suffered after her apartment in the 24500 block of 64 Ave. S. caught fire.

The woman was treated by King County Medic One and Kent RFA firefighters. The patient was rescued from her burning second floor apartment by two Kent police officers who heard her calling for help as they approached her unit.

Kent RFA firefighters were initially dispatched at 7:45 pm after the fire activated a sprinkler head in the apartment, triggering a water flow alarm. The incident was upgraded to a commercial building fire when 911 calls began coming in of smoke and flames from the apartment window.

Much of the fire was extinguished by the sprinkler system and a total of two heads activated and discharged water. The system kept the fire from spreading to other units, though there was smoke throughout all three floors.

Several residents in the building have been displaced due to water damage in their units. Red Cross and SHAG are assisting the residents with temporary housing.

The cause of the fire was a cigarette accidentally igniting furniture. The use of home oxygen by the patient also fed the fire causing it to spread as quickly as it did.

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