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City and Fire Department Help BSA

Kent, Wash. - July 29, 2015- For many years, the image of a Boy Scouts assisting a person to cross the street has been a symbol of their willingness and preparedness to help others. But even Boy Scouts need help once in a while.

Yesterday afternoon the Kent Fire Department RFA was contacted that 75 Boy Scouts and 25 advisors from Troop 497 of Maryland were in Kent and were stuck with no place to sleep after their camping plans fell through. The troop was visiting to see some of the sights of the greater Puget Sound area.

Battalion Chief Kevin Garling was notified of the problem and quickly found the perfect solution for Boy Scouts. Since locating a hotel for that many people would be difficult on short notice, he instead found a place for them to literally pitch their tents. Van Doren's Landing (21901 Russell Road).

With the cooperation of the City of Kent, who agreed to a one night stay because of the unique circumstances, the fully self-contained Troop 497 camped at the city park last night. They plan on hitting some tourist spots today and relocating to a church in the Seattle area to stay tonight.

The Boy Scouts were very grateful for the quick thinking and work of the Kent Fire Department RFA and the City of Kent.

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