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Two-Alarm Kent Apartment Fire

Kent, Wash. - August 1, 2016- Eight people have been displaced following an apartment complex fire in the 23200 block of 88 Ave. S. this afternoon.

Calls to 911 came from as far away as SR 167 as people reported the column of smoke, beginning at 3:21 pm. Police officers who arrived on scene were able to give more information. They radioed in that the two story building had both smoke and flames coming from the decks of two apartments.

When firefighters arrived they were told that everyone was out of the involved apartments which allowed them to concentrate on extinguishing the fire and preventing it from spreading to other parts of the building. A total of two units suffered fire damage. Two others had a small amount of smoke damage. One also had ceiling damage where firefighters were forced to punch holes to reach fire that had spread into the attic space.

The fire was upgraded to a second alarm to bring in additional units to relieve those firefighters already on scene. The hot weather forces firefighters to rehydrate more often than they normally would, requiring additional personnel to replace them.

One resident was treated at the scene for an unknown injury and transported to a local hospital by ambulance. All of the displaced residents are being assisted by Red Cross and the complex's management.

In addition to the Kent RFA, firefighters from the Renton RFA, South King Fire and Rescue, and Valley Regional Fire Authority were also on scene. The Zone 3 Fire Explorers and King County Medic One provided rehabilitation services for the firefighters and public.

The fire is currently under investigation.

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