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## 2-Alarm House Fire

**SeaTac, Wash. - August 4, 2016-** One person suffered a minor burn during an early morning (2:45 am) house fire in the 5200 block of S. 170 Ln.

The adult male suffered the burn while trying to move his vehicle away from a fire that had engulfed a home next door and that was still under construction. He was examined by King County Medic One but was not transported to a hospital.

When firefighters from the Kent RFA and Tukwila FD arrived, they found a two-story house burning that was mostly a framework of dimensional lumber. Flames had also spread to a house next door and had gotten into the attic space.

A second alarm was called to get more firefighters on scene so that there was sufficient manpower to fight the first house fire, attack the attic fire in the neighboring house, and protect another nearby home. The home with the attic fire was also under construction and was unoccupied. The third home had a family of five inside.

The house where the fire started at is a total loss with only a few walls still standing. Plenty of combustible materials and a lot of surface area allowed the fire to spread quickly.

Radiant heat from the fire also damaged three nearby homes, in addition to the house with the attic fire. Broken windows, melted plastic, and burned grass were the most common types of damage. Several vehicles and a boat also were partially melted.

Because the remains of the house are unstable, a track-hoe will be brought in to topple the walls. Once that is complete investigators will work to determine the cause of the fire.

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