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Large brush fire near Highway 18

Kent, Wash – August 19, 2018 – At 4:02 PM a brush fire was called in to 911 at the 25000 of 188th Ave SE.

When the first fire engine arrived, the fire was growing and moving west towards a nearby home and east into the thick brush.

The fire engine placed itself to protect the home and had the next two fire engines began to put water on the brush fire.

When command arrived, they requested additional units to fight the growing fire and provide additional water resources.

With the closest hydrant being about one half a mile away a system was set up where three fire engines supplied water to a single fire engine so there would be a continuous supply.

This is a common tactic when hydrants are scarce and is called a “Tender Supply”.

Over the next few hours the fire slowly progressed towards Highway 18. Eventually, due to poor visibility, Washington State Patrol shut down the two-west bound lanes for safety reasons.

With thick brush hampering firefighting efforts a local agency supplied a helicopter with a water bucket, so the advancing fire could be stopped.

At the time of the press release, fire units are still on scene and crews will continue to work through the night to extinguish the smoldering fires spread throughout the fire area.

Heavy equipment is being requested so a fire line can be placed around the fire.

Thankfully no people were injured, and all homes and outbuildings were undamaged.

Due to the size of the fire, units from Valley Regional Fire Authority, Mountain View Fire and Rescue, and Black Diamond Fire assisted Puget Sound Fire.

Zone three explorers arrived to provide rehab for the firefighters and their services were appreciated.

Cause of the fire at this time is unknown.

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