



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Second alarm fire in commercial weld shop in Kent

Kent, Wash – September 20, 2018 – A fire started in welding and fabrication shop in the 22600 block of S 226 causing major fire damage to the business.

The fire was called in at 3:37AM but security video showed the fire may have been burning for a period of time before a passerby noticed the fire and called 911.

The first fire engine on scene had heavy smoke and flames coming from the east of the building with reports of explosions from inside the building. Their initial attack was on the exterior propane tanks where the fire was burning. Crews did not make an interior attack on the fire as the roof was unstable.

Once fire command arrived they added a Second Alarm as the fire was quickly growing in size. Over the next hour with handlines deployed and an elevated water attack the fire was knocked down and brought under control.

A second business, next to the weld shop, which specializes in glass work was also damaged.

Thankfully no firefighters or residents were injured.

Units from Tukwila Fire, Valley Regional Fire Authority, Renton Regional Fire and South King Fire assisted Puget Sound Fire in extinguishing the fire.

King County Medic One and Zone Three explorers provided essential rehabilitation services to the fire crews.

Puget Sound Fire Investigators have to wait for the smoke and fumes to leave and determine if the structure is safe before they can enter and determine fire cause.

###

MEDIA CONTACT: Engineer Keith Kepler, PIO
24611 116th Avenue SE, Kent, Washington 98030
Cell 206.972.4082