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Commercial/Condo Fire in the Kent Valley

Kent, Wash. – October 28, 2015 - Just before 10 PM, with multiple calls to 911, units from the Kent Fire Department RFA and South King Fire Rescue were dispatched to a commercial fire in the 5600 South block of 231 Place, Kent. The first arriving unit was a KFD Battalion Chief who saw smoke and found flames coming from the condo unit. The call was quickly upgraded to a "working fire" which triggered the addition of more fire and support apparatus.

The sole occupant of the unit self-evacuated and called 911. King County Medic One evaluated the occupant since there was some smoke inhalation but was checked out to be fine. There are no other injuries to report.

The first fire engine to the scene started attacking the fire from the outside while the next fire crew made their way inside to attack the fire and ensure there were no other occupants. The neighboring units were also checked for fire spread. The fire was deemed out by 10:40 PM.

Responding agencies included the Kent Fire Department Regional Fire Authority, South King Fire Rescue, King County Medic One, Zone 3 Rehabilitation unit, and the Kent Police Department.

The Fire Investigator ruled the fire to be accidental with the cause being discarded smoking debris. The damage estimate due to the fire is $50,000.

The Kent Fire Department RFA would like to remind you that it is almost that time of year again when we move from Daylight Savings Time to Standard Time and adjust our clocks *back* one hour at 2:00 AM on November 1st. It is a good idea that when you change your clocks, you should also change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms. Alarms which run on batteries or hardwired smoke alarms with battery backups need to be changed annually to ensure they work when you need them. Remember – a smoke or CO alarm only warns you if it is working.

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