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## One Injured in House Fire

**Kent, Wash. - November 6, 2016-** An adult male was injured at 2:00 this afternoon when his home caught fire in the 11800 block of SE 192 Street.

The fire was initially dispatched as a "minor fire" but was upgraded to a full "residential fire" response by the fire department as more information was gathered from a neighbor who first called 911.

When firefighters from the Kent and Renton RFAs arrived, they found smoke coming from the first floor of the two story house. Concerned that a person might be in the home, firefighters immediately entered and were able to quickly extinguish the fire.

The man, who was not seriously injured, was able to escape the fire safely on his own. He was the only one home.

The cause of the fire was an unattended candle that ignited nearby combustibles.

According to the incident report, there were working smoke alarms in the house. Having working smoke alarms reduces the chances of dying in a house fire by approximately 60%. Remember to:

- Change smoke and carbon monoxide alarm batteries when you change your clocks back to standard time.
- Vacuum the alarms out to ensure lint and dust does not block their ability to sense smoke.
- Check the manufacturing date on the back and replace alarms every 10 years.

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