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Kent House Fire

Kent, Washington – January 28, 2017– There were no injuries this afternoon after a home caught fire in the 600 block of Railroad Ave S.

Firefighters from Puget Sound Fire were dispatched at 11:56 am, and found a 2 story home with heavy smoke coming from the south west corner of the roof. The family with their three dogs had safely gotten out of the home when Engine 71 arrived and began to fight the fire. Quickly determining it was a fire in the wall and ceiling, next to the metal chimney, firefighters used chainsaws to cut into the area and put the fire out.

Quick action by the firefighters limited the amount of damage to the upstairs bedroom.

The Fire Investigator determined the cause of the fire was due to the chimney pipe drying out the wood in the wall overtime which eventually allowed it to ignite.

In addition to our department, units from South King Fire and Rescue, Zone Three Explorer Rehab Unit, and King County Medic One also responded to this incident.

Red Cross was called and they assisted the family.

This fire reminds us to have proper clearances around all your home heating devices and that you have working smoke alarms.

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