



**PUGET SOUND
REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY**

INTERNATIONALLY ACCREDITED FIRE AGENCY

Jim Schneider Fire Chief

*Professionally and
compassionately helping people*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Haz Mat Involving Green River

Kent, Wash – August 29, 2017 – Hazardous materials response teams from Puget Sound Fire and Tukwila Fire responded to a report of a possible leak of an unknown substance in the Green River at 1:53 pm.

When firefighters arrived at the S. 196 street overpass, they could see a sheen of something on the surface of the river. They quickly set out two sets of absorbent booms across the river; one at the bridge and one further downstream where the river runs through the City of Tukwila to stop the movement of the material.

Firefighters and Guardian 1, the King County Sheriff helicopter, were unable to locate the source as they traveled along the river levy.

Initial testing of the material showed it to be petroleum based.

The investigation and removal of the material was turned over to the Department of Ecology once the flow of the substance was stopped.

###

MEDIA CONTACT: Captain Kyle Ohashi, PIO
24611 116th Avenue SE, Kent, Washington 98030
Desk 253.856.4481 - Cell 206.972.4082

Serving the Communities of Covington, Kent, SeaTac & Fire District 37 • pugetsoundfire.org