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Morning Kent East Hill House Fire

Kent, Wash – March 13, 2018 –

Fire crews were dispatched to a Kent home this morning a little after 8 AM for a residential fire on the 21800 block of 121 Place SE. There were four residents home when 911 was called. The residents were alerted to the danger when a smoke alarm began to sound. They evacuated the house and called 911. It was also reported that an alert passerby was honking his horn to warn the residents.

The first fire engine on approach to the house saw a smoke column and upgraded the emergency call to a “working” fire which triggered the dispatching of additional fire and EMS units to the scene. Renton Regional Fire Authority, King County Medic One, and the Kent Police Department, were called to assist Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority with this residential fire. The initial fire crew sprayed water on the fire that was visible from the outside then quickly made their way into the house. They ensured that the house was clear of people and attempted to attack the fire from the inside.

The Puget Sound RFA Fire Investigator determined the cause to be discarded smoking material (on the exterior of the house). The damage estimate is \$50,000 to the structure and \$10,000 for contents.

Due to the working smoke detector, alert neighbors, and a quick response by the fire department, there were no injuries, the fire was quickly extinguished, and damage was limited to the attic and exterior of the house. There is a total of five who have been displaced by this fire. The American Red Cross responded and are assisting them with their needs.

As we recently changed our clocks to “Spring” forward, it is a good practice to also change smoke/CO2 alarm batteries at the same time. If those batteries have not been replaced yet, may this house fire be a reminder to do so.

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