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## Willow Lake Apartment Fire

SeaTac, Wash – March 21, 2018 – At 1:54 AM a resident noticed a fire on an outside ground floor deck at the 3000 block of S 208<sup>th</sup>.

The neighbor called 911 and then ran across the courtyard and pounded on the apartment door waking up the lady inside. She and the neighbor then applied multiple fire extinguishers to the exterior fire from a safe distance. Their actions kept the fire from breaking the sliding door glass. until Puget Sound and South King Fire units arrived.

Fire Engine 67 once on scene pulled a Fire attack hose and finished extinguishing the exterior fire. Ladder 47 checked the roof to make sure there was no extension into the attic and other fire units made sure the fire did not get into the interior walls.

Aid crews determined the quick acting neighbor was and out of breath but not injured.

The Puget Sound Fire Investigator found the cause was accidental from discarded cigarettes in a planter.

Often residents will use their potted plants to discard their cigarettes into. This is a dangerous practice as the soil can contain a lot of organic material and when dry can smolder and catch fire. If you smoke, please dispose of your cigarettes in a fireproof container.

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