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Island Park Apartment Fire

Kent, Wash – March 23, 2018 – At 5:34 PM a fire started at the ground floor of an apartment in the Island Park Complex at the 23500 block of 60 Ave S.

A resident from a nearby apartment saw flames and called 911. By the time she ran to notify the management office the fire had spread to the siding and was moving up the exterior wall. A mother living above the fire could smell heavy smoke coming into her unit and so picked up her child and safely exited out the front door to the sidewalk and away from the building.

Puget Sound Fire Units arrived as the fire was burning at the eaves of the roof and moving into the attic space through the “bird blocks” which provide for attic ventilation. Water was quickly applied to the exterior of the building but the fire had moved into the attic space and was beginning to grow. Additional units moved into the upstairs unit and began to aggressively fight the attic fire.

The Command staff arriving on scene called for a “Second Alarm” expecting the possible need for more firefighters to fight the blaze.

From the interior of the upstairs unit the attic fire was quickly extinguished, saving three of the four homes. Thankfully nobody was hurt and the Red Cross and Island Park Management team are helping move the four families to other units in the complex.

Units from Tukwila, Valley Regional Fire Authority, and South King Fire Department also responded and helped extinguish the fire. Medic One checked the mother and child and with Zone 3 Rehab assisted the firefighters.

The Puget Sound Fire Investigator has the cause of the fire as undetermined and estimated the dollar loss to the building and contents to be at \$250,000.

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