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Kent Apartment Fire

Kent, Wash – June 3, 2018 – Approximately 25 people, living in seven apartments, were displaced this morning after a fire heavily damaged their apartment building.

The fire, which was in the 25000 block of 46 Ave. S., was first reported at 9:23 am. Those reports were of an upstairs balcony which was burning and that the fire was spreading.

Quick thinking neighbors went door to door to warn others, which was a major reason why there were no injuries at this incident.

The fire was increased to a second-alarm, to bring additional units to the incident, and it took 45 minutes before it was fully controlled.

An estimated 20 people are being assisted by Red Cross and the Emergency Management Division of Puget Sound Fire.

According to the Puget Sound RFA Investigator, the fire was caused by improperly discarded smoking material on the third-floor balcony. The fire then spread into the attic space, allowing it to move horizontally and damage other units.

Puget Sound Fire thanks Valley RFA, South King Fire and Rescue, KCFD 44, Medic One, and Zone 3 Rehab for their assistance today.

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