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Two Kent Structure Fires

Kent, Wash – August 9, 2018 – Two fires in Kent are currently under investigation.

The first was reported at a paper shredding company in the 18700 block of the East Valley Hy. at 5:30 pm. Firefighters from Puget Sound and Renton RFAs responded to this incident and were able to control the fire quickly.

There were no reported injuries.

The second fire was in a house in the 27000 block of 118 Place SE., reported approximately 15 minutes after the commercial fire. When firefighters arrived, they found smoke coming from the windows of the single-story home. The resident was able to escape without injury.

Because the fire was reported quickly, only the contents of one room were burned, though smoke caused damage throughout the house.

The Flood Guys are assisting the owner by boarding up exterior damage caused by the fire. This assistance is free of charge as a community service.

Simultaneous fires can put a strain on any fire department's resources. Fortunately, in south King County all of the fire departments are dispatched by one system, Valley Communications, ensuring that each incident gets the closest units – regardless of which department they belong to. This is called automatic-aid and is critical to our ability to keep our community members and their property safe.

Temperatures in the 90s can affect firefighters endurance, requiring a regular rotation of personnel to ensure their safety. Hydration and health monitoring are critical at all times, but especially during extreme weather.

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