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Older Home in Maple Valley Burns

Maple Valley, Wash – August 21st, 2018 – At 2:20 AM a fire started in a home that is over 100 years old. The home is located at the 24600 block of SE 208th.

Both the home owner and his dog were able to safely get out of the house as the fire quickly spread through the first floor. While waiting for the fire units to arrive he tried to use a garden hose to extinguish the fire from the outside, but the heat pushed him back.

When the first fire engine arrived, fire was already breaking out the window glass. Due to the location of the home water had to be shuttled in to the “attack engine” and so the interior fire was extinguished from the outside as a safety precaution.

Some homes built in the early 1900’s used sawdust as insulation. This was the case in this home and so hidden and smoldering fires took longer to extinguish.

During the exterior fire attack the electrical power line from the street to the home lost its insulated coating and the wire grounded to the house. A firefighter unknowingly placed his hand on the deck rail and was energized.

The firefighter was able under his own power walk to the Medic unit, but as a precaution South King County Medic One took him to a local hospital for observation.

American Red Cross arrived to assist the home owner with basic needs. As always, their services are greatly appreciated.

Units from Renton Regional Fire Authority and Puget Sound Fire assisted Maple Valley Fire and Life Safety.

The fire is under investigation by King County Fire Investigators

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