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Update to Brush Fire

Covington, Wash – August 23, 2018 – The last of the fire crews have left the scene where a brush fire has burned 10 acres in the 25000 block of 188 Ave. SE, Covington.

No structures were damaged by the fire, though several homes were potentially endangered by the flames. A westerly wind helped keep the fire from the homes.

Puget Sound RFA and Maple Valley firefighters were first dispatched to the area on Sunday, August 19th, at 4:00 pm. Other departments were brought in as the fire quickly consumed the dry grasses, shrubs, and trees near Highway 18. The highway was closed in the westbound direction for a period of time on Sunday to allow fire apparatus to operate safely. The fire was large enough that a helicopter with a water bucket was brought in to combat the flames on Sunday afternoon.

By Monday, firefighter hand crews, trained to fight wildland fires, were requested from around the region.

The fire was considered fully extinguished Wednesday evening and all the crews released from the scene.

The cause of the fire was smoldering material from a “bee smoker” that ignited the dry grasses. The fire is considered accidental.

Puget Sound Fire would like to thank the following departments for their assistance in protecting our community members and their property:

Tukwila FD	Valley RFA
Renton RFA	Gig Harbor FD
Maple Valley FD	Duvall FD
King County Dist. #44	Eastside FD
N. Highline FD	Pierce County Dist. #16
Burien FD	Pierce County Dist. #13
Orting Valley FD	N. Kitsap FD
King County Medic One	Zone 3 Fire Explorers

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