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### **3 Alarm Fire on I-5 near Boeing Field**

#### **On the behalf of Tukwila Fire department**

Seattle, Wash – August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – At 4:50 AM numerous calls came in for a fire on I-5 located at the south end of Boeing Field.

When Tukwila Fire arrived on scene they immediately began to extinguish the grass fire on the east side of the freeway at the south end of Boeing airport. Tukwila command discovered a second fire about ½ mile north also on the east side of I-5 and so requested a Second alarm.

Tukwila command then continued north on I-5, and again about ½ mile further north a third grass fire on the east side of the freeway was discovered and so requested a Third alarm.

The third fire, having more time to burn, had rapidly spread up the hill and burned a Boeing radio building used for dispatch and also caused exterior fire damage to a home and adjacent out building.

Seattle Fire quickly stopped the fire at the home and kept it from going inside. Seattle Fire also knocked down and extinguished the fire at the Boeing radio building while also protecting a liquid Propane tank.

There was no report of injuries and the residents in the home were able to safely evacuate during the fire operations.

A Boeing crash truck with a 3000-gallon water tank responded and was able to spray water while moving along the freeway. This is a great asset as fire engines must stop and park before they can flow water in their fire hoses.

A special thanks to Department of Transportation and Washington State Patrol for providing a safe corridor for the fire units to work in.

Fire engines will often flow “foam” in the water so it can penetrate the grass and wood more completely. We want the residents to know that this foam is ecologically safe and no hazardous affect on the environment.

Do to the size of the fire Tukwila Fire department would like to thank Seattle Fire, Boeing Fire, North Highline and Burien Fire departments, King County Fire District 20 (Skyway), Zone Three Re-Hab and Puget Sound Fire department for their assistance.

Cause of fire is still under Investigation. If any motorist has video of the fire, please send to Seattle Fire department.

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