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### **Multiple Alarm Apartment Fire**

On behalf of the Burien Fire Department

Burien, Wash – January 22, 2019 – Firefighters from throughout south King County responded to a two-alarm apartment fire this evening in the 12200 block of Ambaum Blvd. SW.

The first 911 calls were received at 6:02 pm, reporting dark smoke coming from a first-floor apartment. Fire alarms warned residents to evacuate.

When firefighters arrived, they found fire spreading to all four floors of the building and reports of people possibly trapped on balconies. By working quickly, responders were able to keep the fire to the four units already involved.

While searching the apartments, firefighters found the body of an adult female. One other adult female was treated and transported by King County Medic One after she jumped from an upper story unit. A dog also died in the fire.

Over 50 people were initially evacuated from the building as a precaution. All but those from seven units were allowed to return to their homes. Metro Transit provided shelter for the displaced residents by bringing two large buses to the scene. Red Cross is helping the 25 people unable to return to their apartments.

According to the fire investigator, the fire was caused by smoking material and is considered accidental.

The Medical Examiner's office will provide positive identification of the deceased as well as the cause of death.

Agencies responding to this incident included Burien, North Highline, Puget Sound RFA, Tukwila, Port of Seattle, Renton RFA, KC Medic One, and Zone 3 Fire Explorers.

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