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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **House fire in Covington**

Covington WA, Feb 27, 2020

Tonight, shortly before 8:00 PM Puget Sound Fire responded to a house fire in the 18800 block of SE 262 Street in Covington. The call initially came as an automatic fire alarm from a residential alarm system. At about the same time neighbors reported seeing flames from the kitchen and called 911. The first engine arrived 5 minutes after dispatch and found smoke from the front of the house with flames from the kitchen. A quick attack of the fire had the fire knocked down shortly after arrival. When crews made entry into the residence, they found the house full of heat and smoke. While no one was home at the time of the fire, the family dog was found unresponsive in the house. Attempts to revive it were unsuccessful.

In total seven Puget Sound Fire units responded to this incident. Additional support was provided by Zone 3 Fire Rehab and King County Medic One.

The fire investigation confirmed the origin of the fire in the kitchen with an undetermined cause.

The residents have been displaced and have been assisted by the Red Cross. A board up company has secured the building.

While there was a fair amount of heat and smoke damage thru out the house, the early notification by the alarm company and the alert neighbors provided for a quick response that minimized the spread of the fire.

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