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Second alarm house fire in Kent

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On Thursday, April 2nd, at approx. 5:50 PM crews from Puget Sound Fire were dispatched to the report of a house on fire in the 15000 block of SE 274 Pl. Due to the location of the address the initial dispatch also included an engine from Mountain View Fire and Rescue. While still enroute the closest engine reported a large thermal column of heat and smoke from several blocks away. Upon their arrival they found a single-story double wide mobile home with an attached carport well engulfed in flames. The heat and flames were causing the fire to spread to the residence next door. All residents of the fire unit had evacuated and there was no one home in the adjoining residence.

The incident was upgraded to a second alarm to bring additional resources to the scene. This was due to the amount of fire involvement and the spread to the second house. The second alarm gave enough staffing to essentially fight two house fires. In total fifteen units responded including assistance from Valley Regional Fire Authority, King County Medic One, and Zone 3 Rehab. Two Police units were also requested to assist with scene control. The fire was out 30 minutes after arrival of the first engine company.

While there was extensive damage to the fire unit, the damage to the residence next door was kept to a minimum. The occupants of the fire unit have been displaced including 3 adults and two older children. They are being assisted by their homeowner's insurance. The two occupants of the neighboring unit were able to remain in their house.

There were no injuries to the residents. Unfortunately, a cat perished in the fire and a small dog was unaccounted for. One firefighter sustained burns to his hand during the firefight and was transported to the local hospital. It is undetermined at this time if there were working smoke alarms.

One engine remained on scene this evening and the cause of the fire is still under investigation. The property will be secured by a board up company when the crews leave.

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