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2nd alarm apartment fire in Kent

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On Tuesday afternoon April 12, Puget Sound Fire responded to an apartment fire in the 24800 block of 46 Ave S in Kent. Initially called in by the resident of the third-floor apartment, crews were dispatched at 4:05 PM to the report of smoke and flames from a single apartment unit. Due to the location of the address the first alarm response included units from both Puget Sound Fire and South King Fire and Rescue. While still enroute the responding crews reported seeing a large column of heat and smoke. The first arriving engine was on scene in five minutes and found heavy fire from the end units of a three-story apartment building. It appeared that all three floors were involved with fire spreading into the attic space. With the potential for three floors to be involved in fire a 2nd alarm was immediately called bringing additional resources to the scene.

The initial fire attack lines knocked down the fire on the outside of the building and protected the units next door while the fire was attacked on the third floor and the attic space was checked for fire spread. While it looked like all three floors were on fire, the fire in the end apartment units below the main fire were minimally involved when fire dropped from above and then spread back up the exterior siding. The fire damage was limited to the three end units with smoke and water damage to the three adjoining units. The fire was declared under control 26 minutes after arrival.

In total 16 fire units responded. In addition to Puget Sound Fire, assistance was provided by South King Fire and Rescue, Valley Regional Fire Authority, King County Medic 1, and Zone 3 Fire Rehab.

There were no injuries to occupants or Firefighters. Unfortunately, 2 cats died in an adjoining apartment. There were six apartment units of residents displaced including 15 adults and 9 children. Assistance was being provided by the Red Cross. The cause is still under investigation.

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