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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Residential Fire in Kent**

Kent, WA Dec 19, 2019

On Tuesday evening at about 10:10 PM Puget Sound Fire crews were dispatched to a reported residential fire in a single story house with a basement. The initial dispatch brought seven units to the scene and the upgrade to a working fire included support from King County Medic 1 and Zone 3 rehab. The first arriving unit was on scene five minutes after dispatch and reported smoke and flames from the front room of the house that had broken thru the window and were extending to the eaves of the roof. The single resident was out of the house. Crews attacked the fire from the exterior prior to entering the structure to continue extinguishment and to perform a search of the residence.

The occupant had two cats that unfortunately perished in the fire. There were no other injuries.

The cause is currently under investigation.

The resident is being relocated with family, and the structure is being secured at the end of the investigation.

During this busy holiday season taking the time to practice fire safety is important. Make sure you have working smoke alarms. Keep combustibles away from sources of heat and open flames. Check your fire extinguisher. And know your escape plan and meeting place. Take a few minutes of your holiday family time together to discuss fire safety. It is a gift that will continue to give.

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