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Chimney Fire in Kent

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This Sunday afternoon at 4:44 PM units from Puget Sound Fire were dispatched to a reported house fire by the occupants. The residents had been burning a fire in the wood stove insert of a Zero Clearance fireplace. At some point the fire extended into the open space of the wooden chase surrounding the flu and the resident saw flames coming from the side of the house.

The first fire department unit arrived and confirmed a fire in the wooden chase extending to the roof. In total seven units from Puget Sound Fire responded supported by unit from Renton RFA, Medic 1, and Z3 Rehab. The fire was declared out 20 minutes after arrival. There were no injuries.

As a safety reminder, have your chimney/flue inspected and cleaned annually with regular use. Do NOT load your fireplace or stove with wrapping paper following the holiday celebration. Burning wrapping paper creates a very hot fire that may damage your flue or ignite the build up of soot that accumulates in your chimney.

Of note, during this house fire, Puget Sound Fire crews also responded to a natural gas leak, an aid call, three vehicle accidents, and three calls for CPR.

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