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### **Two separate and unrelated fires on 12/24/19**

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Tuesday, 12/24 was a busy afternoon for Puget Sound Fire. While lots of people were finishing their preparation for the holiday celebrations, on duty firefighters responded to two different residential fires in about an hour.

The first was dispatched at 1:12 PM to the 28000 block of West Valley Hwy in Auburn. Units from Puget Sound Fire and South King Fire and Rescue responded and found a burn barrel in the living room of a house under remodel. The barrel was full of burning wood scraps and was reported to be used by the "contractors". The fire was quickly extinguished, and the barrel was removed from the structure. There was no extension to the structure.

The second fire was dispatched at 2:22 PM to the 4200 block of S 176 St in SeaTac. It was initially dispatched as a single unit response to an unknown type fire. The first due company was already in the area and saw a thermal column of heat and smoke and upgraded the fire to a working residential fire. Due to the location of the fire assistance was provided by the Port of Seattle (SeaTac Airport) and Tukwila Fire. The house was reported to be abandon, possible used for storage by the business on the lot. Crews quickly knocked down the fire and searched the building and found no occupants. The fire was under control in approx. 30 minutes and is being investigated by Puget Sound Fire.

No injuries were reported at either fire. Due to the quick response and efficient attacks, resources were made available quickly to respond to other calls for assistance.

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