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## **2-Alarm Fire at Polaris Apartments in SeaTac**

Kent, WA – December 12, 2023

On Tuesday, December 12, one engine company from Puget Sound Fire was dispatched to an automatic fire alarm at the Polaris at SeaTac Apartments, located at 15300 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South, in SeaTac. As firefighters were arriving, the call was upgraded to a commercial fire due to multiple reports of smoke on the sixth floor. This brought additional firefighters from Puget Sound Fire, King County Fire District #2, Renton Regional Fire Authority, and South King Fire and Rescue to the scene. Firefighters found smoke on the fifth floor and dark black smoke, down to the floor, of the sixth floor. Crews searched all units and did not locate any active fire on either floor. Firefighters then moved to the roof and found a rooftop HVAC unit on fire. They quickly extinguished the HVAC unit fire. As firefighters searched for any fire extension, they found that the fire had extended into the roof structure, which had activated the fire protection sprinkler system. Firefighters extinguished the remaining fire and confirmed that there were no other hotspots.

There were no injuries to the residents or firefighters. The cause of the fire is currently under investigation. Officials from the City of SeaTac are working with the American Red Cross to determine the number of residents that will need emergency housing.

Puget Sound Fire would like to thank King County Medic One and the Zone 3 Fire Explorers for providing rehab services to the firefighters; as well as the SeaTac and Tukwila Police Departments for their assistance. We would also like to thank King County Metro for providing buses for the residents to stay warm in until they were able to reoccupy the building.

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