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[Kennewick, WA] On Tuesday, June 28, 2022, fire crews from the Kennewick Fire Department were dispatched to a possible structure fire. The location of the incident was 1350 N. Grant St., the Pacific Clinic, in Kennewick.

An employee with the Pacific Clinic called 9-1-1 reporting seeing black smoke blowing in from the vents in the gymnasium, but no signs of fire. They also reported that the building had been evacuated.

Firefighters at a Benton Co. Fire District #1 fire station located across the street from this address also observed black smoke blowing out of the gymnasium, began responding to the incident, and upgraded the call to a commercial structure fire, which summoned additional units to the fire.

The first KFD crew arrived on scene within 5 minutes of being dispatched and located a natural vegetation fire outside and directly adjacent to the Pacific Clinic's gymnasium. The fire also affected one of the building's exterior commercial air conditioning units, causing smoke to fill parts of building. Crews focused on extinguishing the exterior fire and inspecting the inside of the gymnasium to check for any extension of fire into the building.

Crews brought the fire under control in 18 minutes and firefighters remained on scene to ventilate smoke out of the building. The cause of the fire is currently under investigation. Smoke and fire damage was contained to the exterior, an air conditioning unit, and a ventilation conduit into the gymnasium. There were no injuries to firefighters, no damage to adjacent structures, and no impact to local utilities.

The Pacific Clinic will be able to immediately reopen with minimal disruption to the services typically provided at this facility.

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