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[Kennewick, WA] On Wednesday, June 16, 2022, at 6:27 p.m., fire crews from the Kennewick Fire Department and Benton County Fire District No. 1 were dispatched to a reported residential fire. The location of the incident was 1006 E. 4th Ave. in Kennewick.

The first KFD crew arrived on scene just under 5 minutes after being dispatched, and discovered a small home that had a significant amount of fire coming from the first floor and heavy smoke filling up the second floor. The first arriving crew quickly applied water on the fire from the exterior of the home in order to begin extinguishment and slow the spread of the fire. Additional arriving fire resources were also assigned to assist with fire extinguishment from the exterior of the building. Once the majority of the fire was extinguished, fire crews were placed inside of the home to complete fire extinguishment and search for any occupants that may have been trapped in survivable spaces inside of the home. Initial reports from individuals at the scene of the fire were that all occupants of the home were outside of the home and accounted for. However, the whereabouts of one of the residents was unknown at the time of the fire. A thorough search of each of the home confirmed there were no occupants inside.

It took approximately 45 minutes to bring the fire under control. At some point during the life of the home a second roof had been added on, which created a substantial void space that allowed fire to travel throughout the space between the two roofs. Fire crews spent a substantial amount of time working to access this space in order to complete fire extinguishment. Smoke and fire damage was substantial on both floors of the home. The structure will not be able to be re-occupied by any of the residents living in it. The American Red Cross was called to the scene to assist three residents of the home with temporary living accommodations and other basic needs.

There were no injuries to firefighters or civilians.

Fire crews remained on scene throughout the night on fire watch to ensure there were no rekindles throughout the night, and the cause of this fire is presently under investigation.

The Kennewick Fire Department would like to remind everyone to get out and stay out if a fire occurs in their home. The fire department would also like to remind everyone to make sure working smoke alarms are properly placed inside of the home.

