



KENNEWICK FIRE DEPARTMENT

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MEDIA RELEASE

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[Kennewick, WA] On February 10, 2022, just after 7:40 a.m., fire crews from the Kennewick Fire Department were dispatched to a possible structure fire. The location of the incident was the Heatherstone Apartments, located at 1114 W. 10th Ave.

Within 5 minutes of being dispatched, the first KFD engine arrived on scene and found smoke coming from a ground floor apartment. The incident was quickly upgraded to a full commercial building fire response, which resulted in additional firefighting units from Richland Fire & Emergency Services, Pasco Fire Department, Benton County Fire District #1, and Benton County Fire District #2 being dispatched to the incident.

Upon entry into the apartment, fire crews assigned to conduct firefighting operations found heavy smoke throughout the apartment. A small fire in the kitchen area of the apartment was observed to be in the decay stage waiting for oxygen to be introduced into the space in order to continue fire growth. KFD crews conducted a search of the apartment in coordination with fire attack and did not locate any occupants.

Fire crews were notified of this incident by an occupant of a neighboring apartment that reported the possibility of a fire in the building through 911 after noticing a burning odor in the air. There is no code requirement for sprinklers or a monitored fire alarm system in this building, and neither system is in place. Early notification of the incident from the reporting party played a significant role in helping prevent the fire from spreading.

The cause of the fire is currently under investigation.

The Kennewick Fire Department would like to encourage everyone to call 911 if they notice something such as a burning odor in a building that needs to be investigated. The KFD also wants to remind everyone to ensure working smoke alarms are in place.

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