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## KENNEWICK FIRE DEPARTMENT

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### MEDIA RELEASE

For Immediate Release

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[Kennewick, WA] On Monday, April 18 2022, at 1:24 a.m., fire crews from the Kennewick Fire Department were dispatched to a possible structure fire. The location of the incident was the Colonial House AFH, at 3 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave in Kennewick. The initial information provided by the dispatch center indicated the calling party could see and smell smoke.

The first KFD crew arrived on scene within 4 minutes of being dispatched. Upon arrival, the crew observed a very large, two-story home that serves as a senior living facility. A noticeable odor of smoke was detected from the exterior of the building and none of the occupants had evacuated. The incident was quickly upgraded to a commercial fire in order to get additional firefighting resources sent to the scene. Crews from Pasco Fire and Benton County Fire District 1 were then dispatched and responded to assist with the fire.

Initial priorities were placed on evacuating all of the occupants and locating the source of the fire. Fire crews safely evacuated five occupants from the home, and a small fire was located and extinguished on the second floor of the structure. The facility was also searched for any occupants that may have remained inside after the evacuation was complete.

It took approximately 26 minutes to bring the fire under control. The cause of the fire is currently under investigation.

Residents will be temporarily housed at the Baymont Hotel until they are able to return to the facility although; it may be several days until the home can be reoccupied.

There were no injuries to firefighters or occupants of the home. One occupant, however, was transported to Trios Medical Center to be evaluated for a possible emergency medical condition after reporting she had chest pain.

Damage to the home was limited, and the occupants were all safely evacuated as a result of working smoke alarms that provided early notification to the owner of the facility that was sleeping on the second floor of the home. After being awoken by the smoke alarms, he quickly called 911, alerting firefighting crews to the fire. Working smoke alarms made a significant difference in the positive outcome of this incident.

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The Kennewick Fire Department would like to remind everyone to make sure working smoke alarms are placed inside each bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of a home, including the basement. Properly operating smoke alarms save lives.

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