



KENNEWICK FIRE DEPARTMENT

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MEDIA RELEASE

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[Kennewick, WA] On Monday, October 10, 2022, at 11:09 a.m., fire crews from the Kennewick Fire Department were dispatched to a residential fire. Crews from the Pasco Fire Department and Benton County Fire District 1 were also dispatched to this incident, but were quickly cancelled due to the lack of need for additional resources. The location of the incident was 408 S. Gum St. in Kennewick. The initial information provided to responding fire crews by the dispatch center was a caller reported an abandoned home was on fire.

The first KFD crew arrived on scene just over 4 minutes of being dispatched. Upon arrival, the crew observed a heavy volume of thick grey and black smoke coming from the rear of the home, and fire coming out of a window on the side of the home. All windows and doors on the home were boarded up with the exception of one. The initial arriving crew completed a walk around of the structure to determine if there was anyone in or around the building, and did not locate anyone. Water was quickly applied through an open window to extinguish the fire. Fire crews also cut a large opening into the exterior of the home near the roofline to extinguish fire that had spread to the attic.

The fire was extinguished within 14 minutes of the first crew's arrival on scene.

No firefighters were injured during firefighting operations.

The cause of the fire is under an investigation.

The Kennewick Fire Department would like to remind everyone that abandoned structures can be extremely treacherous to firefighters as they frequently lack structural integrity and may contain other hazards. Community members should contact police if individuals are noted to be occupying or spending time in abandoned buildings.

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