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# KENNEWICK FIRE DEPARTMENT

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### MEDIA RELEASE

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[Kennewick, WA] On Friday, November 4, 2022, at 8:51 p.m., fire crews from the Kennewick Fire Department and Benton County Fire District 1 were dispatched to a residential fire. The location of the incident was 511 S. Irby St. in Kennewick. The initial address provided by the Southeast Communication Center (SECOMM) at the time of dispatch was 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Irving St. The corrected address was provided immediately after fire crews went in route to the call. Initial information provided to responding fire crews by the dispatch center was a carport was on fire.

The first KFD crew arrived on scene just over 2 minutes of being dispatched. Upon arrival, the crew observed a carport fully involved in fire. The carport was attached to a small, residential home. The initial arriving crew quickly applied water on the fire from the front driveway. This action darkened down the main body of the fire and prevented significant fire spread into the home. Additional arriving firefighting units were tasked with checking to see if the attic space above the carport was open into the attic space inside the home. This required crews to pull sheetrock down in the area closest to the carport. A small amount of fire was located and quickly extinguished before it could spread further into the home.

The fire was extinguished within 9 minutes of the first crew's arrival on scene. The substantial winds in the region when the fire occurred helped the fire grow rapidly before fire crews arrived on scene. A delay of another minute or two would have resulted in significant fire spread into the house.

The home was occupied at the time of the fire, but everyone inside made it out safely. Due to smoke damage, a family of three will be temporarily displaced.

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 to get out and stay out if you have a fire in your hose. Work with your family to develop a home fire escape plan and practice it.

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