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[Kennewick, WA] On Friday, November 4, 2022, at 6:32 a.m., fire crews from the Kennewick Fire Department were dispatched to 610 S Fir St. for a serious medical incident. The information provided at the time of dispatch was three individuals had been brought outside of their home by a neighbor after the neighbor discovered them inside of their house experiencing an altered level of consciousness.

The first KFD crew arrived on scene just over 5 minutes of being dispatched. Upon arrival, emergency medical responders located two semi-conscious patients outside of a home. A quick survey of the house revealed a generator running inside of the living area. Fire crews used a gas monitor at the threshold of the front doorway and received a reading of over 160 ppm of carbon monoxide. The call was quickly upgraded to add additional fire and medical resources. Incident Command was established and crews were directed to assist with patient care and to conduct a systematic check of all neighboring apartment units.

The two patients located outside of the home received emergency medical care for carbon monoxide poisoning and were transported to a local hospital. The third patient that was reported to be involved left the area before emergency medical responders arrived on scene. No other occupants in neighboring apartment units suffered any impacts because of the fumes from the generator.

The Kennewick Fire Department wants everyone to ensure generators are used properly as we enter into the colder weather months. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has a number of important safety tips that should be reviewed by anyone considering using a generator (<https://www.fema.gov/fact-sheet/use-generators-safely-home>).

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