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### MEDIA RELEASE

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[Kennewick, WA] On Friday, February 3 2022, at 3:34 p.m., fire crews from the Kennewick Fire Department, Benton County Fire District #1, and the Pasco Fire Department were dispatched to a reported apartment fire at the Dolphin Apartment complex located at 9 N. Waverly Pl. in Kennewick. The initial information provided by dispatch indicated one of the balconies at this location was on fire.

The first KFD crew arrived on scene within less than 5 minutes of being dispatched. Upon arrival, the crew observed a substantial amount of fire coming from two apartments on the south side of the building: one on the second floor, and another on the third floor. The first arriving crew quickly positioned their engine to flow water from the top of their engine into both apartments in order to quench the fire.

KFD's on-duty Battalion Chief arrived on-scene immediately after the first engine and upgraded the incident to a second alarm, requesting additional crews from the Pasco Fire Department (PFD) and Richland Fire & Emergency Services (RF&ES) to respond the fire.

The initial priority was getting fire crews inside the burning apartments on the second and third floors to extinguish the fire, while a fire crew from the PFD went to the roof of the building to evaluate its stability and check for fire spread.

Once additional crews had arrived on scene, a thorough search of the building was conducted to confirm that all occupants had safely evacuated.

The fire was controlled within approximately 27 minutes, however, crews remained on-scene for several hours to complete salvage and overhaul operations. Out of an abundance of caution, a dedicated crew of KFD firefighters was assigned to monitor the building throughout the night, to ease concerns of individuals living in neighboring apartments who were able to reoccupy their residences.

Several residents will be temporarily displaced as a result of the fire. The KFD worked closely with a Chaplain and the Management team to find temporary housing for those affected.

The cause of the fire is currently under investigation and there were no injuries to any apartment residents or firefighters.

Early notification of the fire, combined with the rapid response from the KFD, substantially reduced the amount of damage by enabling the fire to be confined to only a portion of the apartment complex. The Kennewick Fire Department would like to remind everyone to contact 911 immediately if they observe a fire.

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