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[Kennewick, WA] On Friday, February 10, 2023, at 11:03 p.m., fire crews from the Kennewick Fire Department, Benton Co. Fire District 1, and the Pasco Fire Department were dispatched to a residential structure fire located at 4009 W 20th Ave. in Kennewick. Callers reported seeing flames and smoke through the front door of the house. Response partners Kennewick Police Department, Benton PUD, and Cascade Natural Gas also provided assistance with scene safety.

The first Kennewick Fire Department crew arrived on scene in just under 7 minutes of being dispatched. Upon arrival, the crew observed visible fire on the first floor and black smoke on the second floor. Responding crews applied water on the fire, conducted a search of the home to confirm nobody was inside, and accessed the attic to ensure the fire had not extended into the insulation. The fire was extinguished within 20 minutes of the first crew's arrival on scene and no firefighters were injured during firefighting operations.

The cause of the fire is believed to be unintentional, but remains under investigation. The home was not occupied at the time of the fire. Due to the extent of the fire, a family of four will not be able to immediately re-occupy the home, but have secured temporary housing.

The Kennewick Fire Department and the Fire Safety Research Institute would like to remind everyone that if there is a fire in your home, there may not be time to plan a way out in the moment. Create an escape plan for your home and practice it with your family so you're ready for a fire emergency.

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