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[Kennewick, WA] On Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 1:47a.m., fire crews from the Kennewick Fire Department were dispatched to a reported garage fire at 3515 W. John Day Ave.

The first KFD crew arrived on scene just over 4 minutes after being dispatched and observed smoke coming from a garage, that was attached to a split entry home, and initiated a rapid attack on the fire.

The fire was extinguished within approximately 16 minutes of the first crew's arrival and remained contained to the garage. Early notification to the fire department and the prompt response from fire crews prevented the fire from spreading into the home.

A family of three occupied the home at the time of the fire. The occupants were alerted to the fire when the adolescent daughter sleeping inside of the home smelled smoke, and awoke her father. After identifying the fire was located in the garage, the homeowner closed the door that led from the garage to the home, which helped prevent the spread of smoke and fire inside the home.

The specific cause of the fire is presently being investigated.

Unfortunately, the home did not have operating smoke alarms inside of it at the time of the fire. Kennewick firefighters installed operating smoke alarms inside the home before leaving the scene so the family could safely re-occupy their home. The Kennewick Fire Department would like to remind everyone that properly operating smoke alarms are vital. Home fires today burn extremely fast. Occupants inside of a home at the time of a fire may have as little as two minutes to safely escape their home from a fire.

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